

RECORD GROUP 206
RECORDS OF THE SOLICITOR OF THE TREASURY
AND

RECORD GROUP 46
RECORDS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE

Records Relating to the Mormons in Illinois, 1839-1848
(records dated 1840-1852), including
Memorials of Mormons to Congress, 1840-1844,
Some of which Relate to Outrages Committed Against
the Mormons in Missouri, 1831-1839



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RECORD GROUP 206

RECORDS OF THE SOLICITOR OF THE TREASURY

Records Relating to Attempts by the
United States Government to Obtain
Payment on a Promissory Note (\$4,866.36)
Made to the Government by Peter Haws,
H. W. Miller, George Miller, Joseph Smith,
and Hyrum Smith (brother of Joseph Smith),
1841-1852

September 23, 1963

REFERENCE SERVICE REPORT

INQUIRY: Information about records relating to Joseph Smith, the Mormon Leader.

Report: The records of the Solicitor of the Treasury in the National Archives (Record Group 206) contain a variety of documents, 1841-1852, that relate to attempts made by the United States Government to obtain payment on a promissory note for \$4,866.38 made to the United States Government by Peter Haws, H. W. Miller, George Miller, Joseph Smith, and Hyrum Smith (brother of Joseph Smith).

The attempts at collection on the note included an order to effect the arrest of Joseph and Hyrum Smith in Missouri; the rendering of a judgment against Joseph Smith on June 11, 1842 in the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Illinois; application by Joseph and Hyrum Smith, defeated by the Government, to be declared bankrupt; consideration of an offer by Joseph Smith to effect payment of the judgment against him; and the apparent eventual settlement of the matter, in 1852, by a judgment that was rendered against the widow of Joseph Smith and 104 other defendants in a Chancery case in the United States Circuit Court for the District of Illinois in which the decree of the court was satisfied by sale of the defendants' lands.

A brief record of the case appears in a Register of Miscellaneous Suits to which the United States is a Party or Interested, 1594-1898 (one volume), which contains a summary of the actions taken against Joseph Smith and other signers of the promissory note. The National Archives can supply negative photostats of the pertinent pages from this Register (4 pages, folios 37 and 110) for \$3.00.

The other records of the Solicitor of the Treasury found that relate to the case are interspersed in at least two series of letters received by the Solicitor of the Treasury (not all the letters received that are identified in the Register of Miscellaneous Suits as relating to the case are now available in the Solicitor's records), in copies of letters sent by the Solicitor, and in form reports on cases which he received from the United States Attorney and the United States Marshal for the District of Illinois. The relevant records are described below in the order in which they appear in these series of records, and not in one chronological sequence.

The earliest letter found in the records of the Solicitor of the Treasury that documents the Smith case is a letter (in letters received from the War Department), dated May 29, 1841, from John Bell, Secretary of War. In it the Secretary asked that suits be instituted for the collection of two notes owed the Government, one of which, to the amount of \$4,866.38, was signed by Peter Haws, H. W. Miller, George Miller, Joseph Smith, and Hyrum Smith. The National Archives can supply an electrostatic copy of this letter (15 pages, including papers that accompanied it) for \$3.00.

The records of the Solicitor of the Treasury also contain some letters received from J. Butterfield and David L. Gregg, United States Attorneys for the District of Illinois (in a series of letters received from United States Attorneys, Marshals, and Clerks of Courts), that relate to the proceedings against Joseph Smith. The National Archives can supply copies of them at the prices listed below:

1. Letter from J. Butterfield, United States Attorney for the District of Illinois, August 2, 1842, relating to the bankruptcy application of Joseph Smith and his brother, Hyrum Smith, and an enclosed issue of the Sangamo Journal, dated July 15, 1842, that contains references to Joseph Smith. Electrostatic copy of the letter, 3 pages, 60 cents. Negative photostat of the newspaper, 4 large pages, \$6.00.
2. Letter from Butterfield, October 13, 1842, enclosing an account, with vouchers, for services in the bankruptcy application of Joseph and Hyrum Smith. Electrostatic of letter, 4 pages, 80 cents, and of account and vouchers, 14 pages, \$2.80.
3. Letter from Butterfield, December 16, 1842, relating to his bill for opposing the application of the Smiths for bankruptcy. Electrostat, 2 pages, 40 cents.
4. Letter from Butterfield, December 17, 1842, enclosing a copy of a proposition made by friends of Joseph Smith to secure payment of the judgment against Smith that had been rendered in the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Illinois on June 11, 1842. Electrostat, 3 pages, 60 cents.
5. Letter from Butterfield, May 25, 1843, asking whether he is authorized to accept the proposition of Joseph Smith to effect payment of the judgment against him. Electrostat, 1 page, 20 cents.
6. Letter from Butterfield, August 6, 1844, containing a statement that he had defeated Joseph Smith's attempt to obtain benefit from the bankruptcy act. Electrostat, 3 pages, 60 cents.

7. Letter from Butterfield, April 17, 1845, giving his accounts against the United States, including his fees and expenses in collecting testimony to oppose the bankruptcy application of Joseph and Hyrum Smith. Electrostat, 2 pages, 40 cents.
8. Letter from David L. Gregg, United States Attorney for the District of Illinois, September 28, 1846, suggesting employment of J. Butterfield, his predecessor, in a proposed attempt to collect in a court of equity on the judgment against Joseph Smith, Hyrum Smith, and others. Electrostat, 2 pages, 40 cents.

The letters sent by the Solicitor of the Treasury include copies of letters relating to the debt proceedings against Joseph Smith and his associates that were sent to the United States Attorneys for the Districts of Missouri and Illinois, to the Secretary of War, and to the Secretary of the Interior, as identified below:

1. Letter to Montgomery Blair, United States Attorney for the District of Missouri, June 1, 1841, directing him to arrest Joseph and Hyrum Smith in order to obtain payment on the defaulted note, and adding that if arrest of Joseph and Hyrum Smith was not effected he would have the note transferred to the District Attorney for Illinois to have suit brought on it in that State. Electrostat, 3 pages, 60 cents.
2. Letter to the Secretary of War, June 1, 1841, relating to the Solicitor of the Treasury having ordered the United States Attorneys for the Districts of Missouri and Illinois to bring suits in those States as requested by the Secretary of War in his letter of May 29, 1841. Electrostat, 2 pages, 40 cents.
3. Letter to Butterfield, United States Attorney for the District of Illinois, August 12, 1842, instructing him to oppose the application of Joseph and Hyrum Smith for bankruptcy. Electrostat, 1 page, 20 cents.
4. Letter to Butterfield, November 2, 1842, acknowledging receipt of Butterfield's letter of October 13, 1842, relating to proceedings in the bankruptcy application of Joseph and Hyrum Smith, with which is an enclosed note from the Law Clerk to Butterfield, dated September 5, 1842. Electrostat, 2 pages, 40 cents.
5. Letter to Butterfield, January 11, 1843, acknowledging receipt of his letter of December 24, 1842, and giving instructions on handling of the Smith bankruptcy matter. Electrostat, 2 pages, 40 cents.

6. Letter to David L. Gregg, United States Attorney for the District of Illinois, October 6, 1846, rejecting Gregg's proposal that J. Butterfield, his predecessor, be employed as counsel to assist Gregg in a court action to collect on the judgment against Joseph Smith, Hyrum Smith, and others. Electrostat, 2 pages, 40 cents.
7. Letter to A. Williams, United States Attorney for the District of Illinois, October 24, 1849, in reply to Williams' letter of October 10, 1849, relating to the possibility of levying against land owned by Joseph Smith, deceased, to satisfy the Government's judgment against him. Electrostat, 3 pages, 60 cents.
8. Letter to A. Williams, United States Attorney, January 10, 1850, in reply to his letter of January 1, 1850, relating to the title to land owned by the wife of Joseph Smith. Electrostat, 4 pages, 80 cents.
9. Letter to A. Williams, United States Attorney, January 30, 1851, acknowledging receipt of Williams' letter of January 20, 1851, and referring to the employment of George Edmunds to investigate the land titles of Joseph Smith and others, and asking to be informed of the day of the sale of property. Electrostat, 2 pages, 40 cents.
10. Letter to the Secretary of the Interior, January 30, 1851, enclosing copy of a letter from A. Williams, United States Attorney, and recommending payment to George Edmunds for his services in investigating titles to the Smith lands at Nauvoo, Illinois. Electrostat, 3 pages, 60 cents.

The records of the Solicitor of the Treasury contain reports from the United States Attorney and the United States Marshal for the District of Illinois that include information about the debt proceedings against Joseph Smith and others, as follows:

1. A report of J. Butterfield of proceedings instituted at the June 1842 Term of the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Illinois in a debt action against Peter Haws, H. W. Miller, George Miller, Joseph Smith, and Hyrum Smith. In Attorneys' Reports, 1842-44. Negative photostat, 1 page, 40 cents.
2. A report of the United States Marshal on final process returned at the December 1842 Term of the Circuit and District Courts for the District of Illinois, which includes a statement that a writ against the Smiths and others had not been rendered, and a similar report, for the December 1843 Term of these courts,

showing that the writ against the Smiths and others had, on December 18, 1843, been returned "nulla bona." In Marshals' Returns, 1842-44. Negative photostats, 2 pages, \$1.50.

3. Report of the United States Attorney for the District of Illinois, dated July 23, 1851, for the July 1851 Term of the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Illinois in Joseph Smith et al., at Chancery, in a bill brought to acquire lands of the defendants in payment of the judgment against them, and noting the action in the case, as follows: "Report of Master filed & decree for further sale: case will be made subject of special report." In Reports of the United States District Attorneys, 1851 to 1856, Volume 2. Negative photostat, 1 page, 75 cents.
4. Report of the United States Attorney for the December 1851 Term of the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Illinois in Joseph Smith et al., at Chancery, reporting filing of commissioner's report of sale and confirmation of the case. In Reports of the United States District Attorneys, 1851 to 1856, Volume 2. Negative photostat, 1 page, 75 cents.
5. Report of the United States Attorney for the July 1852 Term of the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Illinois in Joseph Smith et al., at Chancery, reporting that the final decree in the case (identified as having been commenced on August 19, 1850) had been rendered and judgment satisfied by sale of land under the decree. In Reports of the United States District Attorneys, 1851 to 1856, Volume 2. Negative photostat, 1 page, 75 cents.

The National Archives can supply copies of any of the documents described above at the prices listed (except that the minimum fee on an order is 50 cents), or a 35 mm. microfilm copy of all of them (87 pages) for \$5.00.

An inquiry concerning whether there are extant any records of the Federal courts in Missouri that would document any court action that might have been taken in Missouri as a result of the instructions given to United States Attorney Blair by the Solicitor of the Treasury in his letter of June 1, 1841 should be addressed to the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, United States Courthouse, St. Louis 1, Missouri.

An inquiry concerning the records of the United States District Court for the District of Illinois or the United States Circuit Court

for the District of Illinois (many early records of these courts were destroyed by the Great Chicago Fire) that would document the actions in these courts in the Joseph Smith debt proceedings should be addressed to the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, United States Courthouse, Chicago 4, Illinois.

If the records of the present United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois do not contain a record of Joseph Smith's application for bankruptcy under the Bankruptcy Act of 1841 it appears possible that such a record may be with the records of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois. An inquiry about this possibility should be sent to the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, United States Courthouse, Peoria 1, Illinois. It might help any one of these Clerks to find the desired record if a request therefor enclosed a copy of this report.

An examination of the records of the Department of Justice (Record Group 60) revealed no reference to Joseph Smith.

Hardee Allen
Hardee Allen
Diplomatic, Legal, and Fiscal Branch

"Register of Miscellaneous Suits
in which the United States is a Party
or Interested, 1834-1848"

REGISTER of MISCELLANEOUS SUITS to 1863.

When entered.	By whose direction.	Name of Attorney and District.		Against whom.		Residence.	Nature of Suit, or cause of action.	Amount claimed.		When due.
		Attorney.	District.	Principal.	Surety.			Dollars.	Cents.	
1861.		C. Hoffmann	Eastern New York.	John Roberts.		N. York.	Insurance penalty for re- -bates under act.	20		
"		Same	do.	M ^{rs} Lodew		do	Same	20		
"		Same	do	Charlotte Hesse		do	Same	20		
"		Same	do	Ellen Thompson		do	Same	20		
June 1 st	Secretary of War.	Arthur Pillsbury	Illinois	D. G. Whitney.	J. O. Woodruff Sam. Holmes.	Illinois	Upon a cert. G. Capt. R. S. L.	452.	49.	
"	Same	Mont. J. Blair	Missouri	Peter Haws.	W. H. Miller Geo. Miller Geo. Smith Myron Smith	Missouri	Same as above	4866.	38.	

(See Page 111)

Amount received.		Judgment or Deed, when rendered.	Amount paid.		REMARKS.
Dollars.	Cents.		Dollars.	Cents.	
\$ 20.	42	1841 July 12.			Examiner spent \$20.00 to Marshall July 13 1841. see his report of same process 20 th July 13. 1841 Examiner returned Aug. 6. 1841 "Nulla bona" - see report of Marshall Sept 7 1841
\$ 20	42	July 14.			Examiner del ^d to Marshall July 14 1841 - returned "Nulla bona" Sept 7 1841 Marshall's report -
\$ 20.	90	July 14.			Examiner del ^d to Marshall July 14 1841 - "Nulla bona" see Marshall's report Sept. 1841 above referred to -
\$ 20.	92	July 20			Examiner del ^d to Marshall July 20 1841 - "Nulla bona" Sept 11 dead. see Marshall's report 7 th Sept. 1841
(Paid - see letter to Atty. Gen. 12. 1841)					
5184. 20	96	1841 June 11			See letter from Atty. Gen. 27 1841 directing me to look for 1 st 1841 to see Attorney to obtain rule from Bank of Albany and proceed to see all the parties & - in my letter to Atty. Gen. 1 st 1841 see Atty. 1 st 1841 Then June 13 1841 return with a 96 drops. See letter 9 th July from Atty. Gen. stating that I had been appointed for benefit of Bankrupt law including papers & documents of the Bank & that I should be able to get the papers by 17 th 1841. in my report to you dated 14 th July 1841 - see 11 th 1841 shall reach the application - On 2 nd Aug 17 1841 directing me to wait 7 th - see above dated July 1841. "Nulla bona" - see letter from Atty. Gen. 1 st 1841 has directed attempt to obtain check from Bank of Albany see 11 th July 1841 and the next property of Smith - see 2 nd 1841 letter Sept 28 1841 and 6 th 1841 see letter from Warren & Chandler Jan 1842 to present process - I answer to Atty. Gen. 12 th 1841 Jan 20 1842 -
100	100	1841 June 11			Archibald (William), D. Atty. submits a proposition of Atty. Gen. to collect this judgment by letter dated Oct 10. 1841. Answered Oct 24. see letter of Atty. Gen. to Atty. 13 1841 - Answer of Atty. 10. 1841 & reply dated 20. 1841

When entered	By whom entered	Name of Attorney and Counsel		Against whom		Residence	Nature of Suit, or cause of action	Amount claimed		When due
		Attorney	Defendant	Principal	Residence			Dollars	Cents	
Continued from Page 37										
June 1 1860	Secretary of War	Montgomery Blair	Michigan	Peter Hauer	H. W. Miller George Miller Jas. Smith Hypocrite Smith	Michigan	Upon a note to Capt. R. 1858 E. Lee. Eng. Corp. as agent United States			38
Aug. 19, 1860				E. Mina & Pida Main late widow of Joseph Thier deceased 4 10 4 to her dependants			To recover of to subject property to payment of judg. ment.			
Aug. 1863				Wm. P. Sumner & Co. Stockton Halligan N. H. Lawrence Clerk, New York			To recover of of duties charged by collar.			
1847				Fredricka Bourdoux H. G. H. Lawrence late Clerk, N.Y.			Same			
				Wm. Wright, chas. H. G. H. Lawrence late Clerk			Same			

Amount received		Judgment or Demand when received	Amount received		To whom paid	REMARKS
Dollars	Cents		Dollars	Cents		
513.56	31	1852 June 11				See proceedings, ante page 37.
100	00					See letter from Clerk Williams Dist. Ct., dated Jan. 20 1851 to Sec. of Treas., stating that he had commenced proceedings in Circuit of U.S. for the Dist. of Orleans, by a creditor's bill, against the Widow, Administratrix a la loi of Joseph Smith dec'd, and others, 53 depts., - the bill embracing 100 Town lots in New Orleans & 116 tracts of land in the country of the same Parish, estimated at about \$200,000. Thirty two of the lots to appear and answer, was a bill there the bill was taken as confessed, and the land claimed by them being 8 tracts and 108 town lots, estimated at from \$5000 to \$10,000, decreed to be sold. Supplemental Bill filed 5 Decr. 1850 against other depts., claiming 15 tracts of land & 52 town lots. Set to take place in the spring, to advise the appointment of some person to attend the sale on part of Government, to present a sacrifice. Employed Sec. Edmunds by to investigate title for a confirmation of \$200,000, and order Solicitor to satisfy the same.
						Jan 30 th 1851 Letter of Solicitor to Clerk Williams Esq. Dist. Ct., in reply, stating he has sent copy of his letter to Sec. of the Interior recommending the allowance to Mr. Edmunds, and requesting to be informed in due time of day of sale.
						30 Jan 1851. Letter of Solicitor to Sec. of Interior, enclosing copy of letter from A. Williams. Dist. Ct., and recommending the allowance proposed, to Geny Edmunds Esq. for professional services &c
						Commissioner's Report of sale filed, and sale continued. Atty's Rpt. Sec. I. 1851. See letter from Atty. Gen. dated Sept. 10, 1851, reply.
						See Report of R. H. Brewster, Special Counsel for U.S. enclosed in his letter to Sec. 12 th Aug. 1852.
						See Report at above
						See Report at above

**Letters Received by the Solicitor of the Treasury
from the War Department**

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10 Sept. 1840

Hon. Wm. Young & D. C. Whitney,
say, that they consider the joint
note of H. W. Miller & S. Miller
& Smith & H. Smith for \$4866 $\frac{43}{100}$
offered as security for the payment
of said sum to Gov. good & sufficient
& recommend its acceptance.

also, say & note for \$482 $\frac{43}{100}$.

482 ⁴⁹/₁₀₀ \$

Leaving Sept 11th 1840

Eight months after date, for value received, we jointly & severally promise to pay Robt C Lee (Agent of the United States) for the use of said U. S., the sum of Four hundred & eighty two ⁴⁹/₁₀₀ dollars, without defalcation, negotiable & payable at the Bank of Missouri, at St Louis - in specie

Signed @ S Whitney
 J Woodruff
 Saml Holmes

True copy from the original note now on file for collection in the Bank of the State of Missouri

Nathaniel Childs
Teller

October 8th 1840.

copy

From our knowledge of the property & circumstances of Mr H W Miller, George Miller, Jos. Smith & Herman Smith, all Citizens of this State, We consider their note for \$4866.38 executed jointly with Mr Peter Hays & offered as security to the Government for the payment of said sum, due on account of the purchase of a Steam Boat & other pub. property by Mr Hays, good & sufficient for said amount, & that the Government is safe in accepting the same.

Signed Richard M Young
D S Whitney

Quincy Ill
16 Sept 1840.

Copy

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Sept. 10. 1840

R. M. Young & Thos F. Carlin
say that they consider J. Miller
& H. W. Miller, men of good
circumstances & character.

Quincy, Illinois September 10, 1840

copy

for

Having been requested to state what I know of the circumstances of George Miller late of Mc Donough and now of Hancock County, and Henry W. Miller of this County, who I understand are tendered as securities by the purchaser of the Steam Boat Des Moines, and the two Keel Boats which were sold by you to day as United States property, I can only say that I have known both persons for many years, and that they are considered Men in very good circumstances, and are of moral industrious habits, without embarrassment as far as I know or have heard, and with all Men of information and good character. From what I know and have understood both of them are the proprietors of some valuable lands and other property, and I should consider each of them as good for several thousand dollars, but how much I am unable to say. I also think that they are Men who would not promise what they are not able to perform.

Respectfully
Signed

Richard M Young

Capt R E Lee

Quincy Ill.

I fully concur with the above statement
as regards Henry W. Miller - but am not
acquainted with the author named
George Miller

Signed Fred Carlin

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10 Sept 1840

Copy of notes of James Miller
to for \$4866.38; P of Whitney
brockhoff L. for \$482 $\frac{49}{100}$ payable
in eight months, & deposited at
the Bank of Missouri, St Louis, for
collection.

(for 177 of notes for \$482 $\frac{49}{100}$ due

page 1104.)

\$ 4866.38

Leaving Means 10 Sept 1840

Eight Months after date, we jointly & severally promise to pay to Robt E Lee, agent for the United States, or order, for the use of said United States, the sum of Forty eight hundred and ³⁸ Sixty six dollars too negotiable & payable at the Bank of the State of Missouri in St Louis for value received without discount or deduction in specie.

Signed Peter Haus

(seal)

Witness to signatures

H W Miller

(seal)

Wm James Austin, to
the three first names

Joseph Miller

(seal)

Joseph Smith

(seal)

Agarum Smith

(seal)

Edw M Robinson P M

at Harris Ill - witness to
the two last names.

True copy from the Original note
now on file for collection in the
Bank of the State of Missouri

Oct 8th 1840

Nathaniel Childs Jr
Teller

The order of the Bank of Missouri
referred to, enclosed one to the
dis. Atty of Illinois, & the other to
the dis Atty of Missouri - see
letter to them June 24. 1841.

Chas: B. Pease Esq
Solicitor of the Coast

Fort Hamilton 7 June 1841

Sir

I enclose herewith an order on the Bank of Missour, St Louis,
for the delivery to Mr. Blair Esq; the note of Peter Hawes, H. W.
Miller, George Miller, Joseph Smith & Hyram Smith, for \$4866.38
payable in eight months after date (10 Sept 1840) to one as Agent
of the U. S. or order & dated June 11: - And also an order on
said Bank for the delivery to Eustis. Butterfield Esq, the
note of H. I. Whitney, L. P. Woodchuff & David Holmes for \$482.49
payable in like manner as requested in your letter of the
2nd inst to the Sec of War, which I have to request you to
transmit to those Gent^l.

I am very respectfully

Sir

Your Obedt^{nt}
R. Lee
Capt M^{rs}

May 27. 1841
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Chief Engineer enclosing
copy of letter from Capt See
of the Engineers, with two
notes, that the Solicitor of
the Treasury may order
paid on notes for more
Payment.

E. 115.

My 10.

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and a 20.

Dep. of War ans. May 29th '41.

Hon^{ble} John Bell
Secretary of War.

Engineer Department
May 27th 1841

Sir

I have the honor to transmit copy of a letter from Capt R E Lee, Corps of Engineers, stating that he has been officially informed by the Bank of Missouri that two notes placed there for collection which had been given for property purchased of the United States, had been protested for non payment.

I transmit also copies of the notes; and of the statements made by the Hon^{ble} John P. Carroll, Governor of the State - the Hon^{ble} R M Young, Senator from Illinois and W J Whiting, Merchant, touching the sufficiency of the Guarantors.

These papers are laid before you in furtherance of Capt Lee's request that the Solicitor of the Treasury may be requested to order suit to be brought on both notes.

The address of Capt Lee is Fort Hamilton, New York Harbor.

I have the honor to be
M

Very respectfully
Your old servant
H. S. Patten Esq
Father

War Department May 29. 1841
Hon John Bell

Secretary of War, requesting suits to
be instituted, in cases described by
Col. Totten, in the enclosed letter.

Ans^d June 1. 1841 -

Wrote some day to Dir. Atty^y
of Missouri & Illinois to
institute suit -

Department of War.
May 29. 1841.

Sir

You are requested to institute suit as described by Capt. Lee, in the enclosed letter of Col. Totten; which with the accompanying papers, is submitted for your guidance in the case.

Very respectfully
Yours A. S.

W. S. Bell

Chas. B. Penrose Esq.
Solicitor of the Treasury.

Letters Received by the Solicitor of the Treasury
from United States Attorneys for the District of Illinois

Chas. Aug. 2nd 1842

J. Butterfield Esq. atty.
Relative to judgment on Jo. Smith &
other Mormons - Smith has applied
for benefit of Bankrupt act -
Incloses a Mem paper developing
frauds committed as per exhibit,
I ask whether you shall resist
his application -

Wm. H. Johnson

- Enclosed -

Ans^d Aug. 12. 1842 - H. C. I. B. J.

Office of U.S. Attorney Fish, Ills
Chicago August 2^d 1842

Sir,

At the last June Term of the Circuit Court for this District a Jury verdict was rendered in favour of the United States against Joseph Smith Hyrum Smith Peter Hains D W Miller and George Miller upon a note given by them on the 1st of Sept 1840 for \$4866.38 and interest. The Defts in this Suit are Mormons, residing at Nauvoo in this State, the defendant Joseph Smith is the Prophet and leader of the Sect and unless the money can be collected of him and his brother Hyrum Smith it will be lost as the other defendants are all dead. Joseph Smith and Hyrum Smith are now both applicants for the Bankrupt act and the day for their final discharge is on the first day of October next as you will perceive by the notices published on the last page of the "Sangamo Journal" of the 15th July 1842 which is inclosed. It appears that the Mormons here had difficulties among themselves, and one of their principal leaders John C Bennett is publishing a series of letters, in his third letter which is contained on the 3^d page of the inclosed paper, he charges Joseph Smith with the most gross fraud in disposing of clothing and securing property to a large amount for the benefit of himself and family in order to obtain the benefit of the Bankrupt act. You will perceive in Cyril Bennett's communication he describes the fraudulent embezzlements and gives such specifications of fraud as can hardly admit of any doubt.

I should deem it my duty in this case to oppose the Smiths but your circular of the 9th of May last upon the Subject of opposing such applications, makes me decide that you should judge of the expediency of making opposition before I put the government to any costs, and as I understand the Circular it limits my fees to a per diem allowance, during my attendance at the hearing. In order to enable me to make an efficient and suitable opposition in this case I have in the first place to go from here to Kansas a distance of about 300 Miles and collect the necessary evidence. I shall then have to go to Springfield a distance of about 600 miles and attend the hearing. I presume it would not be expected that I should perform these journeys without being paid my actual travelling expenses and a suitable compensation or per diem allowance during my absence from home. Please inform me whether I shall take the necessary steps to make an efficient opposition in this case, and the amount of compensation that will be allowed me for so doing.

I am with great Respect

Yours At. Servt.

J. Brittain
M. D. atty.

H. H. C. B. Pomeroy
Saler of the Treasury.

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The image shows a single page from the San Francisco Journal, dated January 1, 1911. The page is filled with dense, small-print text arranged in multiple columns. At the top right, the masthead reads "THE SAN FRANCISCO JOURNAL" and "PUBLISHED DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS." Below the masthead, there is a large, stylized illustration of a ship, possibly a battleship, sailing on the water. The text is organized into several columns, with some sections appearing to be advertisements or public notices. The overall appearance is that of a historical newspaper page.

Mr. Messrs.
Oct. 13th 1842. Chicago. Ill.

L. S. Allen

Bills for services &c.

Insured. November 2^d 1842.

Office of U. S. Atty Genl. Webb
Chicago Oct. 12. 1842.

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Honble L. B. Fessenden.
Solicitor of the Treasury.

Sir

On the 8th day of Sept last I left Chicago for Maumee the place of residence of Joseph Smith & Hyrum Smith applicants for the benefit of the Bankrupt Act, in order to obtain the necessary evidence as I informed you I should do in my letter of the 7th of Sept last. Upon my arrival at Maumee I made a very full examination into the transfers of property made by Joseph Smith upon the eve of his application for the benefit of said Act, and I succeeded beyond my expectations; I found that after the passage of the Bankrupt Act, and after he had contracted the debt upon which the Judge's in favor of the United States was rendered against him, he made voluntary assignments of real estate of an amount much more than sufficient to satisfy the said Judgement to his wife and to his infant children and friends, without any consideration whatever. I found that all the statements made by Genl. Bennett in relation to Joseph Smith's fraudulent transfers of his property, were true; and that there were several other fraudulent assignments not mentioned by him. I obtained from the Recorder's Office an exemplified copy of the deeds executed by the said Joseph Smith and proceeded to Springfield where the Bankrupt Court sat on the 1st of Oct, and filed the necessary objections, to a discharge being granted to the said Joseph Smith, and also against the discharge of Hyrum Smith. The Court appointed the 15th day of Decr next for the hearing, at which time I shall be ready to establish such fraudulent acts on the part of Joseph Smith as will prevent his obtaining his discharge.

The Budget and Costs in favor of the U.S. against
Smith, & others is \$5,212.47³/₄. I now consider
this Budget as perfectly secure. After having defeated
his obtaining his discharge, I shall proceed in
Chancery to set aside his fraudulent conveyances
and subject the land to the Judge and execution.

I inclose herewith my account for my
expenses in this business, and per diem allowance.
I have charged \$8. per day from the time I was absent
until my return. I presume that charge will not be
thought too high. I cannot afford to leave my business
at home for a less sum.

When I was at Galena, I was retained by the
Special Agent of the U.S. Lead Mines, to go to
Dubuque in the Territory of Iowa, and argue a cause
in behalf of the U.S. ^{before} the District Judge of that Territory
for the allowance of a writ of Injunction against
Individuals for committing waste upon the public
lands in digging and carrying away mineral
ore, the case not only involved the question of
waste, and the power of the Judge to grant an In-
junction, but also the question as to the power of the
President to reserve the lands in question for
mineral purposes, and to lease the same. I was
laboriously engaged for three days in preparing
the cause and one day in arguing the same, and
as I went out of my Judicial district to attend to
it, I make the same charge against the U.S. that I
should against any other Individual for the same
service. I have made lengthy and detailed reports
to the Secretary of War on the subject, and I presume
he will certify to the reasonableness of my charge
of \$150. for my services.

Will you please to have my account aud-
ited, and the amt allowed remitted to me as
soon as convenient. I am greatly obliged for

many, the expenses of my Office as yet have not
exceeded the income.

I am with great Respect
Your Obedt. Servt.

Justin Butterfield
U.S. Atty

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Account of J. Butterfield.

U.S. Atty. Geo. for

attending in Washington in

the Small Pox. & C.

monetary.

accompanying the a/c

of J. Butterfield

M. J. Atty

The United States of America
 J. F. Foster, District Attorney for the Dist. of Ill.
 To fees and expenses in going from Chicago, via Galena,
 to Nauvoo in the County of Hancock in the State of Ill.
 and collecting testimony to oppose the applications of
 Joseph Smith & Hyrum Smith for the benefit of the
 Bankrupt Act, and after collecting the testimony,
 proceeding to Springfield, and attending Court
 & making the objection, as per directions of the
 Solicitor of the Treasury, in his letter of the 12th of
 August 1842 a copy of which is herewith annexed
 Voucher No. 1. Dated from Chicago, on the
 8th Sept 1842 & returned on the 7th Oct. 1842, and during
 the whole of said time was engaged in said business
 and in travelling to accomplish the same (excepting the 11th
 12th 13th & 14th days of Oct. when I went to Galena in the
 Territory of Iowa to argue a cause for the Bankrupts
 stated. Number of days employed 27, at \$5. per day -- \$135.00
 Travelling expenses (See voucher No. 2) 60.48
 Paid Chauncy Robinson for copies of transcripts &c. 112.95
 \$291.43

J. going from Galena to Dubuque in the Territory of
 Iowa (without the Dist. of Ill.) and arguing the question
 before Judge Wilson for the allowance of a writ of
 injunction in favor of the U. S. against Alcine
 Leor, Wm. Stoddard, & John W. Mahon to restrain
 them from digging and carrying away lead ore
 from the Public Lands without any permit or license.
 I was retained to go out of my judicial Dist. and
 argue this cause by the U. S. Special Agent of the Land
 Mines in the absence of the U. S. Dist. Atty. for the Terri-
 tory of Iowa as the question was a very important one, &
 was strongly contested on the part of the Defs. I
 spent 44 days in preparing & arguing the question and
 charge therefor the sum of -- \$150.00
 (See voucher No. 4 being the letter of Walter Cunningham Esq. Special Agent. Am't. carried over. \$41.63)

Amt Brought over \$4411.63
 Paid Sylvester Willard for Rent for Office for
 U.S. City for Dist. of Ill. from the 8th day of
 May to the 8th of August 1841. (see Voucher No 5) 27.75
 Paid O. G. Bench for copying Official Reports,
 (see Voucher No 6) 4.00
 Paid J. C. Shuman, for Stationery (see Voucher No 7) 1.00
\$4475.78

Number No. 1.

A. W. B.
Office of the Auditor of the Treasury
August 12. 1842.

Sir -

Your letter of the 2nd inst. informing me that a judgement was rendered in favor of the United States against Joseph Smith, Hiram Smith & others upon a note given by them Sept. 1. 1840 for \$4,866.38 and interest, has been received. The statement of Gen. Bennet in the newspaper which you forwarded, and your representation that all of the Defendants except the Joseph Smiths are insolvent, render it proper that you should oppose the applications of the Smiths for the benefit of the Bankrupt Act. You will therefore take the necessary steps for that purpose, and your compensation will be the customary fee for each day that you may be engaged about the business, instead of confining the fee to attendance at the hearings. Your travelling expenses will also be allowed; and I have no doubt you will be cautious to keep down the cost of attending to the conduct of the case, to as small an amount as may be consistent, with an effective opposition to the petition of the Smiths.

Very Resp^{tly} Your Obedt Serv^t.

Wm B. Pearce
Actg of the Treasury.

To
J. Butterfield Esq^r
U. S. Attorney
Chicago Illinois

Voucher No. 2

The United States

John P. Butterfield U.S. Atty. Gen. Ill.

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To Expenses from Chicago to Galena Nauvoo & Springfield -
and back to Chicago in procuring testimony and
opposing the applications of Joseph Smith &
Hyrum Smith for the Remission Act.

1842

Sept 8 th to	Stage fare to Galena - - -	6	00
	Expenses on the route - - -	1	68
	Expenses at Galena, - - -	4	00
	Bill at Dubuque - - -	3	57 1/2
	Steam Boat fare from Galena to Nauvoo -	6	00
	Bill at Nauvoo - - -	3	12 1/2
	Bill at Leathage Hancock Co while making records	11	50
	Stage fare to Rushville - - -	2	00
	Bill & Stage fare to Jacksonville - - -	3	50
	Bill & Stage fare from Jacksonville to Springfield -	3	35
	Postage on letter enclosing deed - - -	"	35
	Recorder's fees for deed included in said letter	1	00
	Bill at Springfield while attending Court -	9	00
	Stage fare to Peoria - - -	4	00
	Expenses on the road & Bill at Peoria -	2	35
	Fare from Peoria to Ottawa - - -	3	00
	Fare from Ottawa to Chicago - - -	5	00
	Expenses - - -	"	75
		\$60	67

John Butterfield being duly sworn saith that the above
is a true and accurate account of his expenses
of his Journey stated in the caption of said account
made before me this

J. Butterfield

14th day of October 1842.
Frederick A. Hager
Justice of the Peace

Chauncy Robinson

to

for M. S.

Receipt for

Van der W. 3.

The United States

To Chauncy Robison or

For exemplified copies of 10 Deeds
relating to the property and
conveyances of Joseph Smith Jr
and Hyrum Smith and
Certifying the said Deeds

9.95

For Searching Records and making
abstracts therefrom of Deeds in
relation to the same persons and
property

5.00

\$ 14.95

21 September 1847

Received payment
of Justin Butterfield
U. S. Attorney

Reynolds duplicates

C. Robison

Recorder

Vancouver 1804

J. Butterfield Esq.
Mansion House
Pall Mall

Mention States Land Mine Office

Galena Illinois, Sept 10. 1842.

Butterfield Esq
Minuta State Attorney
for the State of Illinois.

Sir

A Bill in Chancery has been filed in behalf of the United States, in the District Court of the United States for the County of Dubuque in the Territory of Iowa for an Injunction against Antonio Saor, W. H. Heddard and John McClellan, to restrain them from digging & carrying away alluvial sand from the lands of the United States, without any lease or license, which suit has been brought under the direction of Mr. Hanning as Superintendent, who is now absent at St. Louis on the business of the Government -

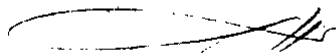
Judge Wilson to whom the said Bill has been presented to allow the writ of Habeas Corpus, after having had the same under consideration for a fortnight, has at length refused to allow the Habeas Corpus without an argument, and has appointed the 12th inst. for the argument of the question before him at the Court House in Outague. It is very important, that the Habeas Corpus should be allowed, if it should be refused, it will embolden hundreds of misdoers upon the universal laws to continue their depredations in defiance of all the efforts of this Office it is therefore highly important that the Case should be argued with ability, and I now desire you to visit Outague with a view to argue

Said Case, as the Neutral State Attorney for Iowa residing
resides at Davenport, which is situated 100 miles south
of Dubuque and cannot attend, he has authorized me
to select or appoint any Attorney which I may think
most suitable, and for this Cause I avail myself of
your services, and will accompany you if necessary.

I am with high regards

Yr. Obedt Servant

Walter Cunningham



Nancha No. 5. -

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The Union State

to Sylvester Willard Esq.

To note of office to Justin Butterfield Union State
attorney for the District of Illinois from the 1st day
of May to the 1st of August 1842. — \$ 27.75.

Chicago August 1st 1842. Received of Justin

Butterfield M. D. Esq. the sum of twenty seven
dollars seventy five cents in full for the above
account. signed duplicates — Sylvester Willard

O. L. Beach a/c.
#4.

Nashua No. 6.

The United States J. O. L. Beach Dr.

For 2 days services in copying the official
reports of J. P. Butterfield, M. J. District
Attorney for the District of Illinois at \$2. per day \$4.00

Chicago Sept 1842

Rec'd Pay^t J. O. L. Beach

J. C. Shuman

Post to

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August 20th 1842.

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Springfield Ill. Dec. 16 '42
Justin Brittonfield
U. S. Atty

Office of U. S. Atty. Dist. of Illinois
Springfield, December 16th 1842

Honible C. B. Penrose
Solicitor of the Treasury.

Sir.

I enclosed to you, sometime in October, my account against the United States; for opposing the application of Joseph Smith and Hyrum Smith, for the benefit of the Bankrupt Act; and for arguing the allowance of a writ of Injunction, before Judge Wilson in Iowa, and some other charges. You wrote me that I must reduce my charge, for opposing the application of the Smiths, to \$5.00 per day &c..

I did not suppose it was necessary for me to make out and transmit another account. Will you please make such deductions from my account as you deem just, and have it audited and allowed for the balance, and a draft for the same, remitted to me, at Springfield Ills. I am in great want of the amount due me on that account.

I am with great respect
Your Obedt Servant
Justin Butterfield
U. S. Atty.

Springfield Dec. 17/1842

J. Butterfield

Ch. D. Atty

Proportion of Latter day saints,

to become debt of Dr. Smith's Vtch.

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Year —

Am. d. Jan. 11. 1843 —

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Springfield, December 16th 1842

To Austin Butterfield Esq.
U. S. Atty. for the Dist. of Ills.

Sir,

The High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of latter day Saints, propose to the United States, to secure the payment of the judgement in favor of the United States, against Joseph Smith, Henry W. Miller, George Miller and Hyrum Smith, impleaded with Peter Haws, rendered in the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Illinois on the 11th day of June 1842, for the sum of \$5,212.49 1/2 debt, damages and Costs, in the following manner, viz: to cause to be given to the United States, a Bond, signed by individuals sufficiently good and responsible, for the amount of the said judgement and interest, payable in four equal annual instalments, with interest annually, on the whole sum, and to secure the payment of the said Bond, by a mortgage on real estate, situated in the State of Illinois, to which there shall be a perfect title and worth double the amount of the said debt.

Yours &c.

Henry S. Sherwood	Hyrum Smith
Heber C. Kimball	Alpheus Cutler
Peter Haws	Willard Richards

Ordn.

Office of U. S. Atty. Dist. of Illinois
Springfield, December 1st 1842.

Honible C. B. Penrose
Solicitor of the Treasury

Sir,

Enclosed is a copy of a proposition I have received from the friends of Joseph Smith to secure the payment of the judgement against him. If acceded to ~~upon~~ by you, it will be unnecessary for me to further oppose his obtaining a discharge under the Bankrupt Act. I am of opinion, under the circumstances, that it will be best to accept the proposition. If I should defeat his obtaining his discharge under the Bankrupt Act (of which I have no doubt) it would then be necessary to institute proceedings in Chancery, to set aside fraudulent conveyances he has made, in order to subject his property to execution. Such a proceeding would be attended with costs and delay. The hearing of his application for the Bankrupt Act will be adjourned until I can receive your instructions as to the acceptance or rejection of the said proposition.

I am, with great respect

Your Obedient Servant

J. Butterfield

U. S. atty

J. Butterfield U.S. Atty Dist Ct
2.5th May 1863

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In relation to the prospect of
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Mormon prospect: a request
to be written to at Springfield Ms.

Office of U. S. Atty Dist of Ill.
Chicago May 25th 1843.

Honble. C. B. Pomeroy
Salutation of the Treasury.
Sir

I have this day Recd a your letter
of the 16th inst. and have written to the Clerk of
U. S. Dist Court for the Dist of Ill. a precept to
show a fi. fa. upon the Indent against Lewis J.
Jameson late a Capt in the U. S. Army to clear
Bates the U. S. Atty for Illinois and also to send
him an amplification of said indent:

Will you please write to me on
the Receipt of this directed to Springfield, and
inform me whether you will authorize me to accept
of the proposition of Joseph Smith the Mormon
Proprietor, communication by you on the 17th of
December 1842. the proposition is to secure the
payment of the indent upon real estate worth
double the amount of the Indent, upon the time
for the payment of said Indent of \$5212 $\frac{59}{100}$ being
extended so as to be paid in 4. equal annual installments.

Respectfully Yours
A. B. Kent

J. B. Sullivan U. S. Atty

J. Butterfield & Co. J. City

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Office of the U.S. District Court
at New York

Ex parte August 6th 1836

Wm. E. B. Penrose

Solicitor of the Treasury

I enclose herewith my reports for suits
submitted decided and pending in the U. S. Courts for
the last of August, the June Term 1836. I have
been delayed in making my reports, at compliance for
not having received returns from the clerk as early as
I expected.

In the case of the United States against the
Heirs of James W. Stephenson deceased upon the return
Dated March 7th 1836 in relation to the basis
of which I wrote you fully by Mr. C. O. Chandler Esq.
after giving the case a very careful examination I
could not perceive that there was any violation of
any principle of law upon which the case was
which an exception can be taken of the question was fairly
submitted by the parties to the Jury whether the \$10,000
were monies that were received and accounted under the first

[illegible]

Bill in Chancery to reach the property which I
in debt to J. S. Wright one of the sons of Stephen.
I have had a deed conveying away in order to
evade the payment of the judgment the United
States has recovered against him and others
associates of said Stephen.

I deputized Joseph Smith the Mormon
Prophet from obtaining the benefit of the Bankrupt
Act. It will be necessary for me to go to Quincy
in this State to obtain the necessary evidence to
enable me to file a Bill in Chancery to reach
certain property which Smith purchased and paid
for and had conveyed to his wife and others
to evade the payment of the judgment recovered by
the United States against him and others for the
sum of \$4066.70 at the June Term 1842.

I am with great respect
Yours obt. servt

J. Bullard
W. J. Atty

J. Butterfield, U. S. Atty.
Chicago Ill. April 7th 1845.

Accounts against U. S.

This a/c, and the vouchers
were sent to the Secy of the Treas-
ury, on the 15th of Oct. 1842. Mr.
B. most earnestly entreats that
this account be paid, he is suffer-
ing for the money.

The United States of America.

To Justin Butterfield, U.S. Atty, Dist of Ill.

To fees & expenses in going from Chicago by way of
Galena, to Navarro, in the County of Hancock in the State of
Ill. & collecting testimony to oppose the application of
Joseph Smith & Hyrum Smith for the benefit of the
Bankrupt Act, and after collecting the testimony proceeding
to Springfield & attending Court, & making the objections at
the directions of the Sol^r of the Treasury in his letter of the 12th
of August 1842. (A copy of which is hereto attached marked cou-
che, No 1.) Started from Chicago on the 8th Sept 1843, & returned on
the 7th of Oct, 1843, & during the whole of said time was engaged
in said business, and in travelling to accomplish the same
(excepting the 11th 13th 15th & 16th days of Oct, when I went to San Diego
in the Territory of Iowa, to argue a cause for the U.S. as herein
after stated.

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| Number of days employed, 27, at \$5.00 per day. | \$135.00 |
| Travelling expenses. (See voucher No 31) | 60.68 |
| Post Chancery Robinson, for Copies of Deeds, (see Vouch. No 31) | 14.95 |
| | \$210.63 |

To, Going from Galena to San Diego in the Territory
of Iowa, without the Dist of Ill., and arguing the question before
Judge Wilson for the allowance of a writ of Exemption in favor
of the United States against Antoine Loe, Wm. Goodland & John
H. Mahan, to restrain them from digging & carrying away
sand ore from the public lands without any permit or license.
I was retained to go out of my Judicial Dist & argue this
cause by the U.S. Special Agent of the land mined, in the
absence of the U.S. Dist. Atty, for the Territory of Iowa. the
question was a very important one, & was strongly con-
tested, on the part of H. Deft's. I spent 11 days in preparing
and arguing the question and charge therefor the sum of

(See Voucher No 4, being the letter of Walter
Cunningham, Special Agent.)

(Don't Carried over)

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| \$136.00 |
| \$360.63 |

(Aunt's Book Over, + 360.63
 To, Paid Sylvester Willard for rent of Office for
 W. S. Atty. Dist of Ill. from the 8th of May to the
 8th of August 1843. (See Voucher No. 5) -- 37. 75
 Paid O. S. Beach for copying Official Report (see Voucher No. 6) -- 4. 00
 Paid F. C. Sherman for Stationery (see Voucher No. 7) -- 1. 00
+ 393. 38

David L. Greig
W. S. Atty. - Dist. of Illinois -

State - Chicago - Sept 28/46 -

Rec'd at office - Oct 3/46 -

Relative to case of Dr. Smith
the Mormon P. - Recommended
appointment of apptment Council
for.

and? Oct 6th 1846.

Office of U.S. Attorney
Chicago Ill. Sept. 28, 1846

Sir:

Some time since, during the official term of my predecessor a judgement for about \$5000 was obtained in favor of the U.S. against Joseph Smith, Hyram Smith et al. An execution was issued, & returned nulla bona, but I have been advised that there was property within the reach of a Court of Equity, & that it can still be subjected to the payment of the judgement. I therefore respectfully submit to your consideration the propriety of directing the institution of proceedings for that purpose.

I beg leave further to suggest that Mr. Pufferfield, having had occasion in the course of his professional engagements, to make a full investigation in relation to the property of the late Joseph Smith, is possessed of much information on the subject, & that his employment is at least one, would not be more expensive, than the search of records & about the same, which otherwise would have to be made.

It is desirable that if any thing is to be done, it should be undertaken as soon as possible, in order to avoid the inconvenience of tax titles &c.

Wm. S. Burton
for Treasury

Wm. L. Gentry
U.S. Atty Dist Ill.

Letters Sent by the Solicitor of the Treasury

June 1. 1841.

Montgomery Blair
Atty. Gen.
St. Louis

Indice no. 6.

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Copied

Office of the Solicitor of the Treasury.

~~Washington, D.C.~~

June 1. 1841.

Montgomery, Miss. Dg.
St. Louis
U. S. Dist. Ct. for Missouri.

Sir,

You are herewith furnished with a copy of a note given by Peter Hans. Th. W. Miller - George Miller - Joseph Smith, & Abraham Smith, for \$4,866 ³⁵/₁₀₀, to Capt. Nathl. E. Lee, of the Engineers, on account of property belonging to the upper Mississippi, sold at auction on the 10th of last September, & which has been indorsed for your payment. The note is now in the Bank of Missouri. St. Louis. - Capt. Lee has been decided to forward you his order on the Bank, for the same. It is apprehended that there will be delay in collecting it in Illinois, if you are as suggested in a letter from Capt. Lee a copy of which is herewith sent. Therefore directed to push the same on with ~~immediately~~ by procuring from the Bank in your District, for the purpose of arresting either of the Messrs. Smith, at St. Louis, in July, when they often visit. This, it is ~~believed~~, will speedily cause payment. Should the plan of arresting them fail, after waiting a reasonable time, you will advise me thereof, that I may give directions for a transfer of the note to the ~~dist~~ ^{district} Ct. for Illinois for suit in that State.

I am very respectfully, Your Obedt. Servt.

Set. of the Treasury

(over)

(Copy of note)

\$4866.38.

Living. Illinois. 10. Sept. 1840.

Eight months after date, we jointly & severally promise to pay
to Robt E. Lee, Agent for the United States, on order, for the
use of said United States, the sum of Forty eight hundred
& sixty six dollars ³⁸/₁₀₀ negotiable & payable at the Bank
of the State of Missouri in St. Louis, in value received, without
disavowal or defalcation in specie.

(Signed)

John A. Baird

(Seal)

H. B. Miller

(Seal)

George Miller

(Seal)

Joseph Smith

(Seal)

Hyrum Smith

(Seal)

Witness to signatures

Wm. James Austin, Esq.

Wm. Chase Smith, Esq.

John W. Peterson, Esq.

at St. Louis, Ill. witness

to the foregoing signatures.

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June 1. 1841.

Hon^{ble} Geo. Bell
Secretary of War

Ans^{re} 10. 6.

Enclosed per 75. JMC

Copied

Office of the Solicitor of the Treasury.

June 1. 1841.

Allen John Bell

Secretary of War.

of the 29th Oct with the accompanying papers. I have written to the district attorney for the District of Missouri & Illinois, pointing them to my suits as suggested by Capt. Dean and I have now to request that you will submit him to forward to

~~Higgins, Park Hamilton, Mary Jane Harrison, to transmit L. M. Blair, Esq.
 the S. L. C. Attorney, for Missouri, on order on the Bank of Missouri,
 St. Louis, for the note of Peter Hays, H. W. Miller, George Miller,
 Joseph Smith of Hiram Smith, for \$4,866³⁴ /100 payable in eight months
 after date, (Sept 10, 1840) to Capt. Lee, as agent of the U. S. on order,
 and Charles Levey Illinois, ~~that a writ may be instituted thereon, the~~
~~having been produced for own payment.~~~~

And
~~you are also requested to cause~~
~~Capt. Lee~~ to transmit to Arthur Buffum Esq. 11 S. Dist. Ct. for Illinois,
on order on the said Bank of Missouri, for the note of D. G. Whitney,
J. C. Woodruff, & Samuel Holmes, for \$482.⁴⁹ /¹⁰⁰ payable in eight months
from date - (Sept. 10. 1840) to Capt. Lee, as agent of the U. S. & dated at
Quincy, ~~that a suit may be instituted thereon; it having been~~
~~indicated for such purpose~~

Very respectfully Yours O. B. 82.

Solⁿ of the Treasury.

Augt 12. 1842

J. Butterfield

U. S. Attorney

Chicago Illinois

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Office of the Solicitor of the Treasury
August 12 1842

Sir,

Your letter of the 2^d inst. informing that a judgment was rendered in favor of the United States against Joseph Smith, Paymaster Smith & others upon a note given by them Sept. 1st 1840 for \$4800.38 and interest, has been received. The statement of your friends in the newspaper which you forwarded, and your representation that all of the defendants with the exception of the Messrs Smith are insolvent, render it proper that you should oppose the applications of the Smiths for the benefit of the Bankrupt Act. You will, therefore, take the necessary steps for that purpose, and your compensation will be the customary fee for each day that you may be engaged about it the business - instead of confining the provision to "attendance at the hearing." Your travelling expenses will also be allowed; and I have no doubt you will be contented to keep down the cost of attending to the conduct of the case, to as small an amount as may be consistent with an effective opposition to the petition of the Smiths.

Very respectfully, Yours S^ol^r.

J. Butterfield Esq. U.S. Attorney
Chicago. Ill.

Nov. 2^d 1842.

Justin Butterfield. U. S. Atty.

Chicago. Ill.

(Copied)

Office of the Solicitor of the Treasury.

November 2^d 1842.

Sir.

I have received your letter of the 13th ult. informing me of your proceedings in the matter of the Smiths, applicants for the benefit of the Bankrupt Law, and am gratified on the prospect of defeating them. You will continue to take the proper measures to secure the 11 States. I have examined your bill, and in regard to the charge of \$8 per day for the time you were employed in the case of the Smiths, I must refer you to my letter of the 12th of August last, in which I distinctly state that "your compensation will be the customary fee for each day that you may be engaged about the business, instead of confining the fee to the attendance at the hearing." That is, you were to charge \$5 per day, the customary fee, for the whole time, ^{and not merely for the number of days devoted to the hearing.} ~~and not merely for the number of days devoted to the hearing.~~ This was considered by me, a fair compensation; & your bill should be made to correspond to the rate indicated by me.

The item of \$150 for arguing the question of allowing an exemption in favor of the 11 States v. ~~Antoine~~ Antoine Looe & Co, I have submitted to the decision of the Secretary of War, as I have no knowledge in regard to it, beyond that communicated by you. To the best of I perceive no objection. — Very respectfully Yours C C Fz
Custom Broker, &c.

U. S. City. Chicago. Ill.

Sept 5, 1842

(Copies)

Office of the Solicitor of the Treasury
Sept. 5th 1842.

Sir.

I transmit the notes of Joseph Smith & Hyrum Smith
of their intention to apply for a ^{discharge} from their
restitution debt under the Bankrupt Law, which ^{has just been} referred to
this office. You have already been instructed to assist
the discharge of Jos. Smith, and you will ~~proceed~~ continue
to give all necessary attention to ~~the matter~~ the matter.

Very respectfully Yours O. V. L.

Justin Butterfield, Esq.
U. S. Attorney, Chicago, Ill.

Done &c.

we can ~~pay~~ ^{pay} you one week on the
property ~~for~~ ^{for} the payment of the bond - There
is the bank liberal proposition which I feel authorized to
accept. Terms are deemed liberal, and if they are accorded to
you, withdraw your application to the ~~disposition~~ ^{disposition}
discharge under the Bankrupt Law. If not you will
proceed with the rigor the Law requires to collect the payment
of.

Yours
E. T. Parker Esq
Chicago Illinois

Jan. 11. 1843.
E. T. Parker Esq
Wm. W. W.
Chicago
Folio 107
Recorded page 155. JMK

(Copied)

January 11. 1843

Sir,

I have rec^d your letter of the 17th inst^o ^{acq^d} inclosing one from "the High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints", in which they propose to secure the payment of the judgment of the U. States ag^t H. Smith & others for \$212.49¹/₂, by giving "a bond signed by individuals" "sufficiently good and responsible for the amount of said judgment" and interest, payable in form equal annual installments, with interest annually, on the whole sum, and to secure the payment of the bond by a Mortgage on real estate, situated in the state of Illinois, to which there shall be a perfect title & worth double the amount of the said debt."

In your letter you state, that if this ~~letter~~ proposition is acceded to, it will be unnecessary ~~for~~ ^{therefore} to appear in obtaining a discharge under the bankrupt act; and ~~under~~ ^{upon} the opinion that under the circumstances it will be best to accept the proposition.

In reply I have to state, that from the facts communicated in your previous letter, I am satisfied that it will be in your power ~~successfully~~ to defeat his application for a discharge under the Bankrupt act, and by proceeding in Chancery to set aside the fraudulent conveyance he has ^{of his estate property to evade the payment of his debts.} Made ~~and subject himself to execution~~ - It is true that this would require ~~some~~ time, and expense - to avoid which I should be willing to grant a reasonable delay, provided the debt were placed on a footing ^{proper} ~~that would~~ of security, and I could rely upon the punctual compliance of the parties with their engagements - but I am obliged to say that ~~from facts which have come to my knowledge I have the proceedings of the parties have been such as to destroy confidence in their promise~~ ^{only} to far as the law will

enable us to give a compliance - I cannot therefore
consent to the arrangement which they propose, because
at the end of the indulgence we might & probably would
be compelled to pay them all the expense & delay to force
the payment of the debt by sale of real estate which we
now have - Under all the circumstances I am ^{however} willing
if ~~the~~ the parties will make a liberal cash payment in
hand, pay one third of the debt, and secure the remainder
in ^{the} way you proposed in one, two & three years in equal
instalments, and pay all costs which have accrued you
may accept the proposition -

It must be understood however that the parties to the new bond ^{shall} ~~consent~~ a judgment for the amount, with the understanding that in the event of a failure to pay ^{or any one of them} the instruments ^{they will determine to cancel &} ~~prominently~~ ^{as they} become due, ~~execution shall issue~~ ^{to} ~~against the~~ ^{property} ~~of the~~ ^{mortgaged} ~~debtor~~ for the payment of the bond - There is ~~the most liberal proposition which I feel authorized to~~ ^{offer} ~~accept~~ terms are deemed liberal, and if they are acceded to you ^{will} withdraw your opposition to the ~~disapplication~~ ^{discharge} under the Bankrupt Law - If not you will proceed with the rigor the Law ^{requires} to collect the judgment

Ernest Butterfield Esq
Chicago Illinois -

May 11. 1843.

Ernst Bachmayer

Rev. Mr. May

Chris

Indice

Westerpark 155.9m

Letth Barton
Solicitor of the Treasury

to

David L. Gregg Esquire

Dated at Office - Oct 6/46

Re: Case 1 327. JAM

1927.

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Office of the Solicitor of the Treasury -
October 6th 1846 -

Sir,

I have received yours of the 28th Sept in relation to the judgment of the U. States vs: Joseph & Miriam Smith et al., suggesting that there is property which a Court of Equity would subject to the judgment, - & asking (for reasons you assign,) that Mr Duttonfield, be associated with you as counsel in the cause -

I duly appreciate the vigilance you have exercised in detecting this property, - & hope, as I believe that your services unaided, - will be amply sufficient, to assert & maintain whatever rights the United States may have to subject it to the payment of their judgment. - At all events, I do not deem the grounds stated, nor the ~~argument~~ ^{argument} of the claim, sufficient to justify the employment of additional counsel on behalf of the U. States -

I fully concur with you, that every promptitude should be used in the matter, - as soon as you shall have satisfied & secured yourself to a reasonable certainty, of success. -

David L. Gregg Esquire }
U. States Attorney }
Chicago - Illinois are }

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Yrs. Obedt. Servt.
J. Dutton
Solicitor of the Treasury

1822
A. H. Ellis

To

A. Williams Esq
at Pitts. Mass.

Dated at N. York 24 Aug

Recorded Vol 81 p. 379

Copy

Office of the Auditor
of the Treasury
October 24 / 1849

Sir,

Yours of the 10th inst. in relation
to the judgement in favor of the United
States against Joseph Smith, deceased,
is received. I have seen Mr. Butterfield
on the subject, who informs me that ~~when~~
^{about the time} he was removed as District Attorney, he was
prepared to file a creditors Bill ⁱⁿ ~~of~~ Equity
on this judgement & the return on the
execution, ~~to~~ under which he expected to
make large collections. He informs me
that Smith bought & paid for, considerable
real estate, in Hancock County & ^{also} in
the County of Quincy, ~~that he~~ ^{that he} had died to them,
sometimes to his wife, & some times to his
children, & others. He thinks you can
trace them out there could by making
proper enquiries. He says Smith

bought & paid for a farm near Quincy,
formerly owned by Judge Gouvery, the deed
to which, was taken in the name of
his wife. ^{From what he says,} ~~There is a clear case, ~~for~~ ~~the~~~~
~~purposes~~. At Nauvoo, Smith ac-
quired several lots, in the name of
his wife & children. The Mr Morris
who called upon you, doubtless has the
same information which Mr B. gave
me. You can turn it to account, for
the benefit of the U.S., as well as
him. This presents an opportunity for
you to render the government a useful
service in a manner to its great
credit to yourself. I hope you will
be entirely successful in the matter.

Respectfully yours

Archibald Williams Esq

of St Louis

U.S. Atty

Wm H. Hunt

Quincy

Director

Illinois

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(J. C. Clark;

to

A. Williams

Attorney for Illinois
— — — — —

Dated 10th Jan 7 1830
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Draft

Office of the Solicitor
of the Treasury
10th January 1850

Sir
Yours of the 1st instant, in relation to
the land title of the lands formerly owned by
Judge Young & afterwards by the wife of Joseph
Smith, is received. The letter of this office of
the 10th December, was written ~~under~~ ^{under}
the same understanding & impressions ~~that~~ ^{as}
are now entertained after the perusal of
your last communication, ^{which does not} ~~that the office~~
~~offer any reason for a change of instruction~~
~~that it is not proper to examine the facts & cases, &~~
~~to send instructions which take an argument~~
~~should instruct in a~~ ^{mode} ~~of reasoning, inves-~~
~~tigating every point of the case, and~~
~~raising every objection, which might be~~
~~raised in the prosecution of the suit. It is~~
~~not the~~ ^{business} ~~provision~~ of this Office to examine
cases, which are directed to be ~~tried~~ ^{tried} by
the District Attorneys, except in very special

~~and difficult cases, nor will the business~~
of the office permit such a course. It is made
the duty of Attorneys to make such examina-
tions, and where there may be reasonable doubt,
in relation to the course to be pursued, they
have been accustomed to ask the advice
of this Office, which always has, & ever will
be, cheerfully given. But preliminary ex-
aminations should not be asked of this
bureau.

~~The present case would seem not to~~
~~be a special ^{or a} difficult one.~~ Upon finding
that Emma Smith ever had any title,
the existence of the conveyances from her &
her husband to the Church & the recon-
veyances from the Trustees to her again
should have put Ward upon enquiry,
who was then bound to investigate the
whole matter from the commencement,
and must be considered as being a pur-
chaser with notice. Such an investigation
would have made him aware that
the land was bought originally with

the giving of
Smith's money, which fact would have legally
determined ~~the question~~ ~~and do have therefore settled~~
that the legal title was
never out of Joseph Smith himself, ^{and} ~~but~~
^{which} ~~that such title~~ could ever have been
sold or executed. Toolin vs. Toolin 3 John.
Rep. N. Y. 216-221 quoting Jackson vs. Hinbergh
1 Ibid 45 in note. Also Rogers vs. Perry Valin.
1 Ibid 349. For further instructions I refer
you to my last communications.

If there is other property, ~~situated~~
in like circumstances, the same step should
be taken to render it liable ^{under} to the judg-
ment against Smith.

Respectfully Yours
Obey. Lloyd

W. W. Lloyd
Solicitor

A. Williams Esq.
U. S. Attorney
Springfield
Ill.

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John C. Clark
Solicitor

Arch^d Williams

U.S. Dist. Ct., Quincy, Ill.
Dated Jan. 30th 1857

Received 33 p. 200

Contents noted in Miscel-
laneous Docket, Feb 1. 1857.

Treasury Department
Scribner's Office
Jan. 30 1857

Sir

Your letter of the 26th inst is received.
I have sent a copy of it to the Secretary
of the Interior, with a recommendation
that the sum of \$500 be allowed to Mr.
Estlin and his family for his services and prospective
in making him in the investigation of
the land titles of Joseph Smith & Co.
I presume he will con. sent to the
allowance.

Your note please inform
me in due time before the day of sale
of the property I will see that some
one attends as the agent of the Office
to prevent a sacrifice of the property.

Atch. McLean &
W. B. Smith & Co.

Yours &c
H. H. Smith

J. C. Clark 764
to
A. W. Stuart. Sec. Intern
30 January 1857

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calling his attention to Arch^d William
letter relative to employment of George
Edmunds as aid in protecting & securing
Int^l. of U.S. in Mexico & Central America
Hines

Content notes in Miscellaneous
Index, Feb. 1857.

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Treasury Department,
Solicitor's Office
Jan 20, 1855

Sir

I have the honor to inclose a copy
of a letter rec^d this day from Archibald
William Esq. At St. Louis. But also I think
I'd call your attention to that part of it,
which relates to his employment, of
Mr Edmunds Esq. to aid him in the
investigation of letters to the property referred
to.

The U States have a large interest at
stake in this matter, and Mr Williams
is doing good service to protect & secure
it. The employment of Mr Edmunds
seems to be proper. His location at New Orleans
the place where these lands are situated
enables him to be of great service to the
Government in aid of the Dist Atty.
I have entire confidence in the

John of M. Williams
I have not time to do this
for suggestion.

Very Res
th of 185
J. H. Clark

Forwards

Mr A. H. Stuart
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Reports About Debt Proceedings Against
Joseph Smith and Others, Contained in Periodic
Reports of United States Attorneys and
Marshals to the Solicitor of the Treasury

"Attorneys' Reports, 1842-44"

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY OF THE UNITED STATES,

District of Illinois

day of

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I herewith report the following PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED in the Circuit

By process returnable at the same term 1842 -

Court of the United States for the

District of Illinois

Respectfully yours,

J. Buchanan

U. S. Attorney for the

District of Illinois

THE SOLICITOR OF THE TREASURY.

When the suit is in rem, state the things seized, and the claimant's name, (if known,) instead of the principal and sureties. Suits against Postmasters and their sureties, and Mail Contractors, and against persons for violating the Post-Office laws, are not to be reported to the Solicitor of the Treasury.

| PRINCIPAL. | SURETIES. | FORM OF ACTION. | ON WHAT BROUGHT. | NUMBER. | DATE. | WHEN DUE. | AMOUNT. | | WHEN RECEIVED. | WHEN INSTITUTED. |
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| | | | | | | | Dollars. | Cents. | | |

James, H.W. Miller, George Miller
Smith, and Hyrum Smith

Debt

Postponed Note

Sept. 10th 1840 8^{mo} from date \$4866 38 April 20th 1842 April 20th 1842

J. Prescott, William B. Ogden, Mark Skinner
H. Woodworth, John W. Eldridge Robert L
Smith, Albert G. Leary, Lewis W. Clark, Matthew
Smith, Ebenezer Peck, Mary Brown, Albert G.
Smith, John Westworth, John Leathman, Eli B.
Smith, Alon L. Sherman, Alexander Lloyd
Smith, Gooding, Edward B. Saleator, Ajil Peck
Sherman, Jesse H. Leamouth, Henry Smith
John D. Ogden, John Pearson David L
Ogden, Thomas Allen

Debt

Receivers Bond

Oct 1st 1841

Penalty of Bond May 13th 1842 May 28th 1842
\$150,000 00 The Deputy Marshall was
absent when this Bond was
received, process issued as
soon as he returned

"Marshals' Returns, 1842-44"

OFFICE OF THE MARSHAL OF THE UNITED STATES.

District of *Illinois*
Springfield 25th day of *January* 1844

SIR:

I herewith report the following FINAL PROCESS RETURNED at the *December* term of the *United States* Court of the *Illinois* District of *Illinois* which ended on the 23rd day of *December* 1843

Respectfully yours,

U. S. Marshal for the

District of *Illinois*

TO THE SOLICITOR OF THE TREASURY.

NOTE.—When the proceeding is in rem, state the thing seized, and the claimant's name, (if known,) instead of the defendant.

| DEFENDANT. | FORM OF PROCESS. | ON WHAT BROUGHT. | NUMBER. | DATE. | AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT. | | DATE OF JUDGMENT. | INTEREST. | | COSTS. | | WHEN RETURNED. | NATURE OF RETURN. | REMARKS. |
|--|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------|-------------------------|-----------|--------|----------|--------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| | | | | | Dollars. | Cents. | | Dollars. | Cents. | Dollars. | Cents. | | | |
| <i>Edward Cox & William Cox</i> | <i>Fi. Fa.</i> | <i>✓</i> | <i>Excep.</i> | | 200 | 00 | <i>June 9. 1843</i> | | | 64 | 08 | <i>Dec. 11. 1843</i> | <i>Nulla bona</i> | |
| <i>Edward H. McGoon</i> | " | <i>✓</i> | <i>do</i> | | 400 | 00 | " " | 6 | 86 | 78 | 04 | <i>Dec. 9. "</i> | <i>Satisfied by payment of money</i> | |
| <i>John H. Higgins imp't with family</i> | " | <i>✓</i> | <i>do</i> | | 40 | 00 | " " | | | 13 | 61 | " " | <i>Nulla bona</i> | |
| <i>John & Dennis Miller</i> | " | <i>✓</i> | <i>do</i> | | 150 | 00 | " " | | | 13 | 61 | " " | <i>Nulla bona</i> | |
| <i>James Brainer imp't with Patrick</i> | " | <i>✓</i> | <i>do</i> | | 40 | 00 | " " | | | 13 | 61 | " " | <i>Nulla bona</i> | |
| <i>Higgins & Dennis Miller</i> | " | <i>✓</i> | <i>do</i> | | 150 | 00 | " " | | | 13 | 61 | " " | <i>Nulla bona</i> | |
| <i>Dennis Miller imp't with</i> | " | <i>✓</i> | <i>do</i> | | 40 | 00 | " " | | | 13 | 61 | " " | <i>Nulla bona</i> | |
| <i>James Brainer & Patrick Higgins</i> | " | <i>✓</i> | <i>do</i> | | 40 | 00 | " " | | | 13 | 61 | " " | <i>Nulla bona</i> | |
| <i>John H. Webber</i> | " | <i>✓</i> | <i>Appearances on account</i> | | 746 | 63 | <i>June 7. 1843</i> | | | 43 | 07 | " " | <i>Nulla bona</i> | |
| <i>Henry H. Miller, George Miller</i> | " | <i>✓</i> | <i>Note</i> | <i>Oct. 23. 1842</i> | 5 | 184 | <i>31 June 11. 1842</i> | | | 41 | 96 | <i>Dec. 15. "</i> | <i>Nulla bona</i> | |
| <i>John Smith & Hyrum Smith</i> | " | <i>✓</i> | <i>Note</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>imp't with Peter Haws</i> | " | <i>✓</i> | <i>Note</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Samuel Warren & Charles R.</i> | " | <i>✓</i> | <i>Register Bond</i> | <i>July 21. 1843</i> | 175 | 00 | <i>June 15. 1843</i> | | | 77 | 87 | | | <i>Served on Real Estate. If purchased</i> |
| <i>Samuel Jun. of Jas. Evans &c.</i> | " | <i>✓</i> | <i>Register Bond</i> | | | | | | | | | | | <i>have promised to pay before next term</i> |
| <i>Michaela. Clybourne imp't</i> | " | <i>✓</i> | <i>Excep.</i> | | 25 | 00 | <i>June 14. 1843</i> | | | 157 | 96 | | | <i>made \$12.37. The Sft. has promised to pay.</i> |
| <i>with James Kennedy</i> | " | <i>✓</i> | <i>Excep.</i> | | | | | | | | | | | <i>but has no unencumbered property to buy on.</i> |
| <i>Edmund D. Taylor & others his trustees</i> | " | <i>✓</i> | <i>Receiver Bond</i> | <i>March 28. 1843</i> | 1327 | 40 | <i>June 15. 1843</i> | | | 12 | 63 | | | <i>Served on Real Estate & sale suspended for instructions.</i> |
| <i>William Linn & others his trustees</i> | " | <i>✓</i> | <i>Receiver Bond</i> | | 711 | 75 | <i>June 8. 1841</i> | | | 90 | 00 | | | <i>Price by Sft. July 5. 1843 \$576.13.</i> |
| <i>William Linn & others his trustees</i> | " | <i>✓</i> | <i>Receiver Bond</i> | | 8.007 | 94 | " " | | | 76 | 32 | | | <i>Made \$571.45 being the pro rata sum arising from sale of property under a decree in chancery against John Linn & others in the case of the estate of John Linn & others by Court to be paid in this execution.</i> |
| <i>William Linn & others his trustees</i> | " | <i>✓</i> | <i>Receiver Bond</i> | | 20.041 | 99 | " " | | | 41 | 99 | | | <i>Made \$6.563.25 being the pro rata made by sale as above.</i> |
| <i>The President Directors & Bank of St. Louis</i> | " | <i>✓</i> | <i>Receiver Bond</i> | | 2.570 | 00 | <i>June 7. 1843</i> | | | 32 | 92 | | | <i>Made \$16.458 being the pro rata sum made by sale as above.</i> |
| <i>Samuel Swartzout</i> | <i>Dist. of</i> | <i>✓</i> | <i>Receiver Bond</i> | | | | | | | | | | | <i>Served on 3 boxes of specie & proceeds stayed by injunction.</i> |
| | <i>Marshall</i> | <i>✓</i> | <i>Receiver Bond</i> | | | | | | | | | | | <i>Long made Sept. 27. 1843. property sold Nov. 22. 1843. for \$1749.20</i> |
| | | <i>✓</i> | <i>Receiver Bond</i> | | | | | | | | | | | <i>and sold to the S. 804.20</i> |
| | | <i>✓</i> | <i>Receiver Bond</i> | | | | | | | | | | | <i>" 67.00 by 603.40</i> |
| | | <i>✓</i> | <i>Receiver Bond</i> | | | | | | | | | | | <i>" 67.00 by 346.60</i> |
| | | <i>✓</i> | <i>Receiver Bond</i> | | | | | | | | | | | <i>and 945.00</i> |
| | | <i>✓</i> | <i>Receiver Bond</i> | | | | | | | | | | | <i>received for cost \$100.15</i> |
| | | <i>✓</i> | <i>Receiver Bond</i> | | | | | | | | | | | <i>Cost now paid \$133.35</i> |

The above is a true statement of the returns, as the cases in which the returns are made are as above stated.

James P. Owens, Clerk

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"Reports of the U. S. District Attorneys,
1851 to 1856, Vol. 2"

To District Attorney

Archibald Williams
Deput. Atty of the United States
for the District of Illinois
July 23. 1851.
Quincy, Ills.

As District Attorney

of the United States Dist. & Cir. Court. I report the proceedings in the following cases; wherein the United States are parties, or have an interest:

| Against whom or what | Form of Action | For what brought | When commenced | Amount of Judgment, exclusive of Costs | Amount of Costs | When Judgment docketed | When Execution issued | When Execution returnable | Return of Execution.—GENERAL REMARKS as to the present condition of the suit, &c. |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|--|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Reed | Debt | on Palmetto Bond | | 5000 ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀ | | Dec. 19, 1851 | | | Judgment for U.S. Dec. Term 1851. Paid in California. No return made.
Jury for U.S. Dec. Term 1851: batch of James Adams solvent
Continued on affidavit of one of defendants.
Suspended by order of Solicitor of Treasury to my predecessor.
Shall I not dismiss the suit?
No answer of prop. Satisfied defendant having personally left the
Countryman: report of satisfied & case continued ← |
| Alamy, Executor of James Adams | " | " " " | | 5000 ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀ | | July 6, 1852 | | | |
| Smith et al | " | on Merchants bond | | | | | | | |
| W. W. John Carls | " | " " " | | | | | | | |
| Barrow | Chancery | Widow's bond to prop. | | | | | | | |
| Smith et al | | | | | | | | | |

Archibald McLean.
U.S. Atty

As District Attorney

of the United States Circuit Court.

I report the proceedings in the following cases, wherein the United States are parties, or have an interest:

| Against whom or what. | Form of Action. | For what brought. | When commenced. | Amount of Judgment exclusive of Costs. | Amount of Costs. | When Judgment docketed. | When Execution issued. | When Execution returnable. | Return of Execution.—GENERAL REMARKS as to the present condition of the suit, &c. |
|--|------------------|---|---------------------------|--|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Wm. Pointes
vs Van Buren &
Wm. F. Horton | Debt | On Marshall's bond | June Term 1845 | | | | | | Continued after trial commenced because the Court permitted defendants to file a bill of particulars and I had not Treasury transcript showing the amount due the U.S. from Marshall as therein stated |
| William B. Ogden &
vs Balhoun | | | | | | | | | Continued by order of Solicitor directing my predecessor to suspend till further orders Is there any occasion for continuing this case on the docket? |
| Paul H. Smith et al. | Bill in chancery | To subject real estate to payment of judgment | Aug 19 th 1850 | | | | | | Final decree Judgment satisfied by sale of land under decree |

RECORD GROUP 206

RECORDS OF THE SOLICITOR OF THE TREASURY

Records Relating to the Indictment in Illinois of
Brigham Young and Other Apostles of the Mormon Church
on Charges of Counterfeiting, 1845-1848

December 11, 1963

NCED

REFERENCE SERVICE REPORT

INQUIRY: Information about Records Relating to the Indictment in Illinois of Brigham Young, Mormon Leader, and Apostles of the Mormon Church, 1845-1848, for Counterfeiting.

Report: The records of the Solicitor of the Treasury (National Archives Record Group 206) contain a few summary references to the indictment, and proceedings thereunder, of Brigham Young and eleven other men on the charge of counterfeiting, the indictment having been presented in December 1845 in the United States Circuit Court for the District of Illinois. These references appear in term reports on suits brought and pending and on cases decided that the United States Attorney and the Clerk of the United States Circuit Court for the District of Illinois made periodically to the Solicitor of the Treasury. The National Archives can furnish negative photostats of the pertinent United States Attorneys' reports (from Reports of the U. S. District Attorneys, From 1845 to 1870), as follows:

1. Report of Suits Pending in the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Illinois at its December Term 1845, listing suits brought in that court on indictments for counterfeiting, dated December 17 and December 18, 1845, against Brigham Young and 11 other men, identified as Theodore Turley, Augustus Barton, Gilbert Eaton, Peter Humes, Willard Richards, John Taylor, Parley P. Pratt, Orson Hyde, Joseph H. Jackson, Carlos Geve, and Edward Bonney. This report identifies Brigham Young as the head of the Mormon Church and Chief of the 12 apostles of that sect, and specifically names Willard Richards, John Taylor, Parley P. Pratt, and Orson Hyde as members of the 12 apostles. 1 page; negative photostat, 75 cents.
2. Report of Suits Pending at the June Term 1846, which identifies Brigham Young and most of the others charged with counterfeiting as "not arrested." 1 page; negative photostat, 75 cents.
3. Report of Suits Decided at the December Term 1846, showing that one of the defendants, Edward Bonney, had been tried and acquitted, December 28 and 29, 1846; and that another of them, Theodore Turley, had gone to California and that judgment had been obtained against his sureties. 1 page; negative photostat, 75 cents.

4. Report of Suits Pending at the December Term 1846, which for Brigham Young and 10 others (not including Edward Bonney) shows "no arrest." 1 page; negative photostat, 75 cents.
5. Report of Suits Pending at the June Term 1847, which continues to show "no arrest" for Brigham Young and 10 others (not including Edward Bonney). 1 page; negative photostat, 75 cents.
6. Report of Suits Pending at the December Term 1847, showing that Brigham Young and 10 others (not including Edward Bonney) still were "not arrested." 1 page; negative photostat, 75 cents.
7. Report of Suits Pending at the June Term 1848, continuing to show "no arrest" of Brigham Young and 10 others (not including Edward Bonney). 1 page; negative photostat, 75 cents.

The United States Attorneys' reports in the records of the Solicitor of the Treasury do not show the disposition of the charges against Brigham Young and 10 others. These reports do not include any report for the December Term 1848, but the reports of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Illinois, which for the most part duplicate the United States Attorneys' reports, do contain a report for the December Term 1848 which shows that the cases against Brigham Young and 10 others (not including Edward Bonney), indicted for counterfeiting, had been dismissed at that Term of the court. The National Archives can furnish negative photostats of the pertinent Clerks' reports (from Reports of the Clerks of the U. S. Courts, 1846 to 1850) as follows:

1. Reports of Suits Pending at the December Term 1845, which shows that the suits against Brigham Young and 11 others was "continued." 1 page; negative photostat, 75 cents.
2. Report, dated January 28, 1846, of Process (Capias) Issued against Brigham Young and 10 others (not including Edward Bonney), bail being fixed at \$2,000 each. 1 page; negative photostat, 40 cents.
3. Report of Suits Pending at the July Term 1846, showing that the suits against Brigham Young and 11 others for counterfeiting had been continued. 1 page; negative photostat, 75 cents.
4. Report on Cases Decided at the December Term 1846, containing two entries for Edward Bonney, one showing that he was acquitted on an indictment for "counterfeiting Mexican Dollars current in the U. S.," and the other showing dismissal of an action for debt brought against him at the December Term 1845. 1 page; negative photostat, 75 cents.
5. Report of Suits Pending at the December Term 1846, showing continuation of the counterfeiting suits against Brigham Young and 10 others (not including Edward Bonney). 1 page; negative photostat, 75 cents.

6. Report of Suite Pending at the June Term 1847, showing "no arrest" of Brigham Young and the 10 others (not including Edward Bonney). 1 page; negative photostat, 75 cents.
7. Report of Suite Pending at the December Term 1847, showing that the suits against Brigham Young and 10 others (not including Edward Bonney) had been continued on motion of the District Attorney. 1 page; negative photostat, 75 cents.
8. Report of Suite Pending at the June Term 1848, showing that the suits against Brigham Young and 10 others (not including Edward Bonney) had been "continued." 1 page; negative photostat, 75 cents.
9. Report of Cases Decided in the December Term 1848, showing that the cases against Brigham Young and 10 others (not including Edward Bonney) indicted for counterfeiting had been "dismissed on motion of the Dist. Atty." 1 page; negative photostat, 75 cents.

The National Archives can supply negative photostats of any of these reports at the prices listed, or a 35 mm. microfilm of all of them (16 pages) for \$2.50.

An examination of the Inventory of Federal Archives in the States, Series II, The Federal Courts, No. 12, Illinois (The Historical Records Survey, Chicago, 1939) revealed no listing of any records of the former Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Illinois that would include any records of the counterfeiting cases against Brigham Young and 11 others. The Inventory (page 3) contains a statement that the Illinois Federal court records up to 1855 were transferred to Chicago, and that they were destroyed in the fire there in 1871.

An examination of correspondence of the Office of the Attorney General (Record Group 60) and of the Department of State (Record Group 59) has shown no references to these counterfeiting cases. It is possible that contemporary local newspapers may contain some information on them, including, perhaps, copies of the indictments.

Hardee Allen

Hardee Allen

Diplomatic, Legal and Fiscal Branch

"Reports of the U. S. District Attorneys,
From 1845 to 1850"

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY OF THE UNITED STATES,

District of

day of

18

SIR,

I herewith report the following SUITS PENDING at the

term of the

Court of the United States for the

District of

which term ended on

the day of 18

Respectfully yours,

U. S. Attorney for the

District of

TO THE SOLICITOR OF THE TREASURY.

NOTE.—When the suit is in rem, state the thing seized, and the claimant's name, (if known,) instead of the principal and surety. Suits against Postmasters, Mail Contractors, and their sureties, and against persons for violating the Post-Office laws, are not to be reported to the Solicitor of the Treasury.

| PRINCIPALS | SURETIES | FORM OF ACTION | WHEN BROUGHT. | ON WHAT BROUGHT. | NUMBER. | DATE. | WHEN DUE. | AMOUNT CLAIMED | | REMARKS |
|-------------------|----------|----------------|---------------|------------------|---------|-------|-----------|----------------|-------|--|
| | | | | | | | | Dollars | Cents | |
| Theodore Tuley | | Indictment | Dec 17, 1845. | | | | | | | This is an indictment for counterfeiting the current coin of the U.S. The defendant, who is the chief manufacturer of dies he resides at Lawrence. From the testimony before the Grand Jury, it appeared that counterfeiting coin has been largely carried on at that place for some years. The defendant evades the service of process. |
| Augustus Barton | | The Same | Dec 18, 1845. | | | | | | | This is also an indictment for counterfeiting coin. |
| Gilbert Eaton | | Same | Dec 18, 1845. | | | | | | | Same as above. |
| Peter Hawes | | Same | Dec 18, 1845. | | | | | | | Same as above. |
| Bingham Young | | Same | Dec 18, 1845. | | | | | | | Same as above. The deft is the head of the Mormon Church and the Chief of the twelve apostles of that sect. |
| Willard Richards | | Same | Dec 18, 1845. | | | | | | | Same as above. The deft also one of "the twelve". |
| John Barber | | Same | | | | | | | | Same as above also one of "the twelve". |
| Barley P. Pratt | | Same | Dec 18, 1845. | | | | | | | Same as above, also one of "the twelve". |
| Orson Hyde | | Same | Dec 18, 1845. | | | | | | | Same as above — one of "the twelve". |
| Poseph H. Jackson | | Same | Dec 18, 1845. | | | | | | | Same as above. |
| Carlos Gore | | Same | Dec 18, 1845. | | | | | | | Same as above. |
| Edward Bonney | | Same | Dec 18, 1845. | | | | | | | Same as above. The deft in custody. Continuance on his affidavit. |
| John Taylor | | Same | Dec 18, 1845. | | | | | | | Same as above. Deft not arrested. |

William B. Pepp, Secy of the Circuit Court of the United States, in the district of Missouri, do certify the foregoing to be a true and correct abstract of suits pending and undetermined in said court at the date herein above. 1845. Said cert. is affixed from the records of the Circuit Court.
 Dated 3rd 1845.
 Wm. B. Pepp, Clerk
 Geo. Hunt W. Secy of Ill.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY OF THE UNITED STATES

District of *Illinois*10th day of *June*

1846.

SIR:

I herewith report the following SUITS PENDING at the *June* term of the *Circuit* Court of the United States for the District of *Illinois*, which term ended on the *10th* day of *June* 1846.

Respectfully, yours,

David L. Briggs

U. S. Attorney for the

District of *Illinois*

TO THE SOLICITOR OF THE TREASURY.

NOTE.—When the suit is in rem, state the thing seized, and the claimant's name, (if known,) instead of the principal and surety. Suits against Postmasters, Mail Contractors, and their sureties, and against persons for violating the Post Office laws, are not to be reported to the Solicitor of the Treasury.

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|---|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------|-------|-----------|-----------------|--------|--|
| | | | | | | | | Dollars. | Cents. | |
| <i>John Hunsinger</i> | <i>Washington, D.C., W. E. Chase, T. D. Smith, Robert Hughes, W. C. Morris & Conrad Schuman.</i> | <i>Debt</i> | <i>April 29, 1845</i> | <i>Post, Sup't Geo. Mann.</i> | | | | 3969 | 55 | <i>This suit was my application, in consequence of not receiving the information of Geo. Mann's resignation from my letter to the Sec'y of the Treasury, dated March 16, 1846.</i> |
| <i>John S. Leavenworth</i> | <i>John Caldwell, W. C. D. Dyer</i> | <i>Debt</i> | <i>July 15, 1845</i> | <i>Post, Sup't Henry</i> | | | | 359 | 18 | <i>Principal not originally included in transcript - Continued by direction of Sec'y of the Treasury, vide letter May 25, 1846.</i> |
| <i>Jonathan Craig</i> | ✓ | <i>Keep up.</i> | <i>Oct 14, 1845</i> | | | | | | | <i>continued for want of testimony</i> |
| <i>Erastus Bowen</i> | ✓ | <i>do</i> | <i>Nov. 11, 1845</i> | | | | | | | <i>Continued</i> |
| <i>Nathaniel Butler</i> | ✓ | <i>do</i> | <i>Nov 11, 1845</i> | | | | | | | <i>Continued -</i> |
| <i>Theophilus W. Smith & others</i> | | <i>Bill in Chancery</i> | <i>Nov. 24, 1845</i> | | | | | | | <i>Continued - There is no use in the further prosecution of this case former reports -</i> |
| <i>Richard Cox & William Cox</i> | ✓ | <i>do</i> | <i>June 7, 1845</i> | | | | | | | <i>Again made up, & continued to take testimony</i> |
| <i>Asaphus Reynolds</i> | ✓ | <i>Indictment</i> | <i>June 7, 1845</i> | | | | | | | <i>Charge of stealing money out of letter - Dept not arrested</i> |
| <i>Russell Woodruff</i> | ✓ | " | <i>Dec 6, 1845</i> | | | | | | | <i>charge of embroiling packet of letters Cont. money - Cont'd by Dept</i> |
| <i>Russell Woodruff</i> | ✓ | " | " | | | | | | | <i>" detaining packet of letters - "</i> |
| <i>Russell Woodruff</i> | ✓ | " | <i>Dec 9, 1845</i> | | | | | | | <i>" Embroiling letter Cont'd money - "</i> |
| <i>Russell Woodruff</i> | ✓ | " | " | | | | | | | <i>" Stealing packet Cont'd money - "</i> |
| <i>Theodore Farley</i> | ✓ | " | <i>Dec 14, 1845</i> | | | | | | | <i>Recognizance of Dept's surety for P. Sci. fa. & charge Contingently</i> |
| <i>Edward Bouney</i> | ✓ | " | " | | | | | | | <i>charge Contingently - Dept absent from sickly - Cont on off. for future of cargo, & receipt of money until settlement -</i> |
| <i>Augustus Barton</i> | ✓ | " | " | | | | | | | <i>charge Contingently - Dept not arrested</i> |
| <i>John Taylor</i> | ✓ | " | " | | | | | | | " |
| <i>Gilbert Eaton</i> | ✓ | " | " | | | | | | | " |
| <i>William Richards</i> | ✓ | " | " | | | | | | | " |
| <i>Brigham Young</i> | ✓ | " | " | | | | | | | " |
| <i>Joseph Jackson</i> | ✓ | " | " | | | | | | | " |
| <i>Paul P. Pratt</i> | ✓ | " | " | | | | | | | " |
| <i>Orson Hyde</i> | ✓ | " | " | | | | | | | " |
| <i>Charles Howe</i> | ✓ | " | " | | | | | | | " |
| <i>Peter Hawes</i> | ✓ | " | " | | | | | | | " |
| <i>David L. Warner</i> | ✓ | " | <i>June 7, 1846</i> | | | | | | | <i>charge, delaying & quitting a mail - Continued by U.S.</i> |

I, William Pope Clerk of the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Illinois do certify that the above abstract exhibits a true statement of the suits pending at the June term 1846 (which term ended on the 10th instant) on the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Illinois.

Wm Pope Clerk

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY OF THE UNITED STATES

District of *Minnesota*

12th day of January 1847

SER

I herewith report the following SUITS DECIDED at the December term of the Circuit Court of the United States for the
the eleventh day of January 18 97

District of Missouri — , which term ended on

Respectfully, yours

Yours,
David Loney

U. S. Attorney for the

District of *Mass*

TO THE SOLICITOR OF THE TREASURY

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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY OF THE UNITED STATES

District of Illinois
 12th day of January - 1846

SIR

I herewith report the following SUITS PENDING at the Eastern term of the United Court of the United States for the _____ District of Massachusetts, which term ended on the twentieth day of January, 1887.

Respectfully, yours

Armin L. Luzz

U. S. Attorney for the

District of *Minnesota*

TO THE SOLICITOR OF THE TREASURY

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I certify the foregoing to be a true and correct abstract of cases
pending at the December Term A. D. 1846.

Wm. T. Pope, Clerk, Cir. Court U. S. A. Dist. of Ills

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY OF THE UNITED STATES

District of *Illinois*25 day of *June*

18 47,

SIR:

I herewith report the following SUITS PENDING at the

June

term of the

June

Court of the United States for the

District of *Illinois*

which term ended on

the

*18th*day of *June*

18 47

Respectfully, yours,

David L. Craig

U. S. Attorney for the

District of

TO THE SOLICITOR OF THE TREASURY.

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|-----------------------------|-----------|--|---------------------------------|--|---------|-------|-----------|-----------------|--------|---|
| | | | | | | | | Dollars. | Cents. | |
| <i>Adolphus Rhynolds</i> | | <i>Indictment against Henry not returned</i> | <i>June 3, 1845</i> | | | | | | | <i>The defendant has left the country.</i> |
| <i>Amelia Woodruff</i> | | <i>Indictment</i> | <i>Dec. 6th 1845</i> | | | | | | | <i>Indicting a packet of letters contg money - Cont'd by diff.</i> |
| <i>Samu</i> | | " | <i>" 9 "</i> | | | | | | | <i>" " letters contg money do.</i> |
| <i>Samu</i> | | " | <i>" 9 "</i> | | | | | | | <i>Stealing a packet of letters contg money do.</i> |
| <i>Samu</i> | | " | <i>" 6 "</i> | | | | | | | <i>Obtaining a packet of letters " do.</i> |
| <i>Amasa Swaley</i> | | " | <i>" 18 "</i> | | | | | | | <i>Counterfeiting Mexican coin - Left gone to California.</i> |
| <i>Amelia Barton</i> | | " | <i>" " "</i> | | | | | | | <i>" U. S. " No arrest Cont'd</i> |
| <i>Tim Taylor</i> | | " | <i>" " "</i> | | | | | | | <i>" " " " "</i> |
| <i>Edmund Eaton</i> | | " | <i>" " "</i> | | | | | | | <i>" " " " "</i> |
| <i>William Richards</i> | | " | <i>" " "</i> | | | | | | | <i>" " " " "</i> |
| <i>Hugham Young</i> | | " | <i>" " "</i> | | | | | | | <i>" " " " "</i> |
| <i>John Jackson</i> | | " | <i>" " "</i> | | | | | | | <i>" " " " "</i> |
| <i>John " Pitt</i> | | " | <i>" " "</i> | | | | | | | <i>" " " " "</i> |
| <i>John Hyde</i> | | " | <i>" " "</i> | | | | | | | <i>" " " " "</i> |
| <i>Walter Gore</i> | | " | <i>" " "</i> | | | | | | | <i>" " " " "</i> |
| <i>John Davis</i> | | " | <i>" " "</i> | | | | | | | <i>" " " " "</i> |
| <i>" " Walker</i> | | <i>Attachment</i> | <i>Dec. Term 1846</i> | | | | | | | <i>Indictment Cont'd? This case cannot be arrested. Cont'd?</i> |
| <i>William Stiff</i> | | " | <i>do</i> | | | | | | | <i>Whence the case of Ramsey. Cont'd</i> |
| <i>Amasa Miller</i> | | " | <i>do</i> | | | | | | | <i>do</i> |
| <i>John Clark</i> | | " | <i>do</i> | | | | | | | <i>do</i> |
| <i>James W. Woods</i> | | " | <i>do</i> | | | | | | | <i>do</i> |
| <i>John City of Chicago</i> | | <i>Attachment</i> | <i>June 3, 1845</i> | | | | | | | <i>In Supreme Court. Cont'd?</i> |
| <i>Amasa Miller</i> | | <i>Attachment</i> | <i>Dec. 3, 1845</i> | <i>Marshall Bond.</i> | | | | | | <i>Cont'd by diff.</i> |
| <i>John " " "</i> | | <i>Attachment</i> | <i>July 15, 1845</i> | <i>Bond.</i> | | | | | | <i>Continued. Proceedings suspended by order SDC. See his letter, dated May 25, 1846.</i> |
| <i>Charles Brown</i> | | <i>Attachment</i> | <i>Nov. 11, 1845</i> | <i>(This suit involves the same points as the U. S. vs City of Chicago.)</i> | | | | | | <i>"</i> |
| <i>Nathaniel Butler</i> | | " | <i>"</i> | <i>(See the foregoing remark.)</i> | | | | | | <i>"</i> |
| <i>Amasa Miller</i> | | <i>Attachment</i> | <i>June 3, 1847</i> | <i>Recognizance for</i> | | | | | | <i>Whence a Ramsey case - See his letter dated May 18, 1847. Cont'd?</i> |
| <i>James W. Woods</i> | | " | <i>"</i> | <i>"</i> | | | | | | <i>No record also found - Cont'd?</i> |
| <i>John Clark</i> | | " | <i>"</i> | <i>"</i> | | | | | | <i>do do</i> |
| <i>Adolphus Rhynolds</i> | | <i>Attachment</i> | <i>Dec. 11, 1846</i> | <i>"</i> | | | | | | <i>Cont'd</i> |

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY OF THE UNITED STATES,

District of *Minvis*20th day of *January*

1845

SIR:

I herewith report the following SUITS PENDING at the *December* term of the *Circuit* Court of the United States for the *Minvis* District of *Minvis* which term ended on the day of *January* 1845

Respectfully, yours,

David L. May

U. S. Attorney for the

District of *Minvis*

To THE SOLICITOR OF THE TREASURY.

NOTE.—When the suit is in rem, state the thing seized, and the claimant's name, (if known,) instead of the principal and surety. Suits against Postmasters, Mail Contractors, and their sureties, and against persons for violating the Post Office laws, are not to be reported to the Solicitor of the Treasury.

| PRINCIPALS. | SURETIES. | FORM OF ACTION. | WHEN BROUGHT. | ON WHAT BROUGHT. | NUMBER. | DATE. | WHEN DUE. | AMOUNT CLAIMED. | | REMARKS. |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------|-------|-----------|-----------------|--------|---|
| | | | | | | | | Dollars. | Cents. | |
| <i>Russell's Woodsuff</i> | | <i>Indictment</i> | <i>Dec 2, 1845.</i> | | | | | | | <i>Charge—Embezzling a packet of letters cont^d money. Cont^d by W. Attorney for account of the absence of the principal witness.</i> |
| <i>Same</i> | | <i>"</i> | <i>"</i> | | | | | | | <i>Charge—Embezz^d letters cont^d money—Cont^d for same reason as above stated.</i> |
| <i>Same</i> | | <i>"</i> | <i>"</i> | | | | | | | <i>Charge—Stealing a packet of letters cont^d money—Cont^d for same reason as above stated.</i> |
| <i>Same</i> | | <i>"</i> | <i>"</i> | | | | | | | <i>Charge—delaying a mail of letters cont^d for same reason as above stated.</i> |
| <i>Theodore Parley</i> | | <i>"</i> | <i>"</i> | | | | | | | <i>Charge—Counterfeiting coin—defendant not arr^d</i> |
| <i>Augustus Bartow</i> | | <i>"</i> | <i>"</i> | | | | | | | <i>"</i> |
| <i>John Taylor</i> | | <i>"</i> | <i>"</i> | | | | | | | <i>"</i> |
| <i>Gilbert Eatow</i> | | <i>"</i> | <i>"</i> | | | | | | | <i>"</i> |
| <i>William Richards</i> | | <i>"</i> | <i>"</i> | | | | | | | <i>"</i> |
| <i>Brigham Young</i> | | <i>"</i> | <i>"</i> | | | | | | | <i>"</i> |
| <i>Joseph Jackson</i> | | <i>"</i> | <i>"</i> | | | | | | | <i>"</i> |
| <i>Parley P. Pratt</i> | | <i>"</i> | <i>"</i> | | | | | | | <i>"</i> |
| <i>Orson Hyde</i> | | <i>"</i> | <i>"</i> | | | | | | | <i>"</i> |
| <i>Charles Gove</i> | | <i>"</i> | <i>"</i> | | | | | | | <i>"</i> |
| <i>Peter Hawes</i> | | <i>"</i> | <i>"</i> | | | | | | | <i>"</i> |

*Alfred S. Leavenworth**Wm. B. Adams John Calhoun**Debt**July 15, 1845**Bond**May 21, 1843**Erastus Bowen**Trespass**Nov. 11, 1845**Nathaniel Butler**"*

Leavenworth not sent with proof—Cont^d by direction of Sol. Treas. See his letter dated 1845. Continued to await decision of Sup^r Court in "U.S. vs City of Chicago"

*do**do*

Nothing can be accomplished by a further prosecution of this case. Certified to Supreme Court.

*Theophilus B. Smith & others**Bill in Chancery Nov. 24, 1825**The City of Chicago*

I Certify that the above State ments of suits pending in the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Minvis at the December term A.D. 1845

Wm. L. May

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY OF THE UNITED STATES

SIR:

I herewith report the following SUITS PENDING at the ninth term of the Circuit Court of the United States for the ninth day of June 1895.

District of *Minnesota*
 day of *June*
 District of *Minnesota*

1845

which term ended on

Respectfully, yours,

David Kilgus

U. S. Attorney for the

District of Nebraska

TO THE SOLICITOR OF THE TREASURY.

NOTE.—When the suit is in rem, state the thing seized, and the claimant's name, (if known,) instead of the principal and surety. Suits against Postmasters, Mail Contractors, and their sureties, and against persons for violating the Post Office laws, are not to be reported to the Solicitor of the Treasury.

| PRINCIPALS | SURETIES | FORM OF ACTION. | WHEN BROUGHT. | ON WHAT BROUGHT. | NUMBER. | DATE. | WHEN DUE. | AMOUNT CLAIMED. | | REMARKS. |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------|-------|-----------|-----------------|--------|--|
| | | | | | | | | Dollars. | Cents. | |
| S. Linscott & Co.
Samuel Miller
Charles Brown
James Stapp | * Wm. O'Connell & John Cuthbertson | Debt
Trustee's
" | May 18, 1843
Nov 11, 1843
" | | | | | 359 | 18 | No cont ^d until all things ordered by Sol. M. see for reports.
Applying indication in ability of Chicago in Sup. Court
"
"
Division of the suits referred to in my letter of Feb. 1, 1848 - I propose to demand at the next term - In a new court with a view to obtain the proper title confirmation of title. |
| August M. Hallward | " | " | " | | | | | | | None as per report |
| William A. Langfacher | " | " | " | | | | | | | " |
| Thomas H. Holden, David S. Holden, Geo. Holden, Levi P. Holden. | " | " | " | | | | | | | " |
| Maryphelia Th. Smith & others | | | Not in January Nov 24, 1845 | | | | | | | See for more reports - |
| The City of Chicago | | | " " 1845 | | | | | | | assigned to Supreme Court |
| Madame Hawley | | Richman | Dec 7, 1845 | | | | | | | Change land registry -- no arrest. |
| Augustus Norton | | " | " | | | | | | | " " |
| John Taylor | | " | " | | | | | | | " " |
| Gilbert Eaton | | " | " | | | | | | | " " |
| Edward Richards | | " | " | | | | | | | " " |
| Ingham Young | | " | " | | | | | | | " " |
| Joshua Jackson | | " | " | | | | | | | " " |
| Henry P. Pratt | | " | " | | | | | | | " " |
| Robert Hy de | | " | " | | | | | | | " " |
| Charles Gove | | " | " | | | | | | | " " |
| Peter Harries | | " | " | | | | | | | " " |
| Mr. Ross Reed | | Tr fa | Dec 7, 1847 | | | | | | | returned nihil - new scifa. ordered - |

I William Pope Clerk of the Circuit Court for the District of Missouri
do hereby certify that the above statement is a true correct statement
of the case presented and mentioned in the fore Court in States for
the best Missouri in which the N. States is a party ^{at the} ~~Jan~~ ^{Jan} 1848

June 3rd 1848

"Reports of the Clerks of the U. S. Courts,
1846 to 1850"

SIR:

I herewith report the following CASES PENDING and UNDECIDED at the December Term of the Circuit Court of the United States for the

District of Illinois.

Respectfully yours,

Wm. L. Phelps.

Clerk of the U. S.

Circuit Court for the District of Illinois.

TO THE SOLICITOR OF THE TREASURY.

NOTE.—When the proceeding is in rem, state the thing seized, and the claimant's name, (if known,) instead of defendant.

| DEPENDANT. | FORM OF ACTION. | ON WHAT BROUGHT. | NUMBER. | DATE. | AMOUNT. | | WHEN COMMENCED. | REMARKS. |
|---------------------|-----------------|--|----------------|-------|----------|--------|------------------|---|
| | | | | | Dollars. | Cents. | | |
| Dolphus Reynolds. | + | Indict. stating money out of letters in U.S.M. | | | | | June Term. 1844. | Defendant not found. |
| Swallow Woodruff. | + | Indict. under a packet of letters sent out of U.S.M. | | | | | Dec. " 1845. | Jury could not agree upon a verdict. Cont'd. |
| Same | + | " for detaining a packet of letters | | | | | " " " | Cont'd. |
| Same | + | " under a letter sent back to U.S.M. | | | | | " " " | Cont'd. |
| Same | + | " taking & sending from the mail a packet sent money. | | | | | " " " | Cont'd. |
| Herod Parley. | + | " for counterfeiting the coin of the U.S. & Mexican dollars. | | | | | " " " | Recognized for his appearance at next term in the sum of \$357. |
| John Hyde | + | " " " " " " " " | | | | | " " " | Cont'd. |
| Justus Barton | + | " " " " " " " " | | | | | " " " | Cont'd. |
| West Eaton | + | " " " " " " " " | | | | | " " " | " |
| John Taylor. | + | " " " " " " " " | | | | | " " " | " |
| Edward Bonney | + | " " " Mexican coin current in U.S. | | | | | " " " | Recognized in the sum of \$2000. Cont'd. |
| John H. Jackson | + | " " " the coin of the U.S. | | | | | " " " | Cont'd. |
| Carlos Gove | + | " " " Mexican dollars current in U.S. | | | | | " " " | " |
| Parley P. Pratt | + | " " " the coin of the U.S. | | | | | " " " | " |
| Brigham Young | + | " " " " " " " " | | | | | " " " | " |
| Willard Richards | + | " " " " " " " " | | | | | " " " | " |
| Peter Haines | + | " " " " " " " " | | | | | " " " | " |
| Andrew Young et al. | Seizure | | | | | | April 27. 1843. | Default & Cont'd. |
| John Smith et al. | Seizure | | | | | | " " " | " |
| John Edwards et al. | Seizure | Receivers Bond | Sept. 21. 1836 | | 200.000 | 00 | Jan'y 13. 1844 | Cont'd. on aff't. depts |
| Maragon West et al. | " | Bond. Sep. U.S. & Mex. | | | 10.000 | 00 | April 29. 1845 | Cont'd. |
| Wm. Bond et al. | " | Marshall's Bond | | | | | Dec. 31. 1844 | Cont'd. on aff't. depts. |
| Matthew Craig | Seizure | | | | | | Oct. 14. 1845 | Continued |
| John & John | Seizure | In bond of J. H. Edwards et al. | May 1. 1843 | | 10.000 | 00 | July 15. 1845 | Cont'd. with al for Ogden. |
| Nathaniel Butler | Seizure | | | | | | Nov. 15. " | Cont'd. |
| John Brown | Seizure | | | | | | " " " | Cont'd. |

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE *Circuit* COURT OF THE UNITED STATES,

District of

28th

day of

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I herewith report the following PROCESS ISSUED in the

Court of the United States for the

District of

Chenier

Respectfully yours,

Clerk of the U. S.

Court for the

District of

TO THE SOLICITOR OF THE TREASURY.

NOTE.—When the process is in rem, state the thing seized, and the claimant's name, (if known,) instead of the defendant.

| DEFENDANT. | FORM OF PROCESS. | ON WHAT BROUGHT. | NUMBER. | DATE. | AMOUNT OF CLAIM OR JUDGMENT. | | DATE OF PRECISE OR JUDGMENT. | COSTS. | | WHEN ISSUED. | WHEN RETURNABLE. | REMARKS. |
|-----------------|------------------|--|---------|-------|------------------------------|--------|------------------------------|----------|--------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | | Dollars. | Cents. | | Dollars. | Cents. | | | |
| Graham Young | Al Capias. | Indictment Counterfeiting the Coin of the U.S. | | | | | | | | Jan. 28. 1846. | June 2. 1846. | Bail fixed at \$2000. |
| do. Maureo | " " | Same | | Same | | | | | | do | do | do |
| Hard Richards | " " | " | | " | | | | | | do | do | do |
| John Taylor | " " | " | | " | | | | | | do | do | do |
| John Hyde | " " | " | | " | | | | | | do | do | do |
| John A. Pratt | " " | " | | " | | | | | | do | do | do. |
| Augustus Barton | Capias | " | | " | | | | | | do | do | do. |
| Wm A Jackson | " | " | | " | | | | | | do | do | do |
| Albert Eaton | " | " | | " | | | | | | do | do | do |
| Richard Purley | al Capias | Indictment for Counterfeiting the Coin U.S. & Mexican Dollars. | | | | | | | | do | do | do |
| James Gore | Capias | " " " Mexican Dollars Current in U.S. | | | | | | | | do | do | do |

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Illinois

Wm Pope

Clerk of the U. S. *Circuit* - Court for the District of

NOTE.—When the proceeding is in rem, state the thing seized, and the claimant's name, (if known), instead of defendant.

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COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

District 9

29th day of January 1847.

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I herewith report the following CASES PENDING and UNDECEDED at the Second Term of the Second Court of the United States for the _____ District of Illinois

Respectfully yours

Wm. Kop

Clerk of the U. S. *Barrett* Court for the District of *Illinois*

TO THE SOLICITOR OF THE TREASURY.

NOTE.—When the proceeding is in rem, state the thing seized, and the claimant's name, (if known,) instead of defendant.

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Circum

District of Illinois

day of

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I herewith report the following **CASES PENDING** and **UNDECIDED** at the

Term of the

Circuit

Court of the United States for the

District of Columbia

Respectfully yours

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Clerk of the U. S.

Court for the District

TO THE SOLICITOR OF THE TREASURY.

NOTE.—When the proceeding is *in rem*, state the thing seized, and the claimant's name, (if known,) instead of defendant.

| DEFENDANT. | FORM OF ACTION. | ON WHAT BROUGHT. | NUMBER. | DATE. | AMOUNT. | | WHEN COMMENCED. | REMARKS. |
|-------------------|-----------------|--|---------|---------------|-----------|--------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | | | Dollars. | Cents. | | |
| Stephen Rhyndels. | Indictment | stealing money out of letter &c. | | | | | June Term 1844. | No arrest. Cont. |
| Amelia Woodruff. | ✓ | embezzling a packet of letters containing money &c. | | | | | Dec " 1845. | Cont by Sept. |
| Same. | ✓ | " " retaining a packet of letters | | | | | " " " | ditto. |
| Same. | ✓ | " " embezzling a letter and Bank notes | | | | | " " " | ditto. |
| Same. | ✓ | " " taking & embezzling " " " " | | | | | " " " | ditto. |
| Robert Purley. | ✓ | " " counterfeiting U. S. Coin & Mex. Dollars. | | | | | " " " | No arrest. |
| Augustus Stanton | ✓ | " " " U. S. Coin | | | | | " " " | do. |
| John Taylor | ✓ | " " " " | | | | | " " " | do. |
| Gilbert Eaton | ✓ | " " " " | | | | | " " " | do. |
| William Richards | ✓ | " " " " | | | | | " " " | do. |
| Richard Young. | ✓ | " " " " | | | | | " " " | do. |
| John Jackson | ✓ | " " " " | | | | | " " " | do. |
| Henry P. Pratt. | ✓ | " " " " | | | | | " " " | do. |
| John Hyde | ✓ | " " " " | | | | | " " " | do. |
| Charles Fox | ✓ | " " " Mexican Dollars. Current in Mex. &c. | | | | | " " " | do. |
| Miss Shero | ✓ | " " " " | | | | | " " " | do. |
| Ed. C. Walker. | ✓ | Attachment for failing to pay group of Cont. | | | | | Dec. " 1846. | do. |
| William Pratt | ✓ | " " " " | | | | | " " " | do. |
| Alexander Mills | ✓ | " " " " | | | | | " " " | do. |
| Joseph Clarke | ✓ | " " " " | | | | | " " " | do. |
| James W. Woods | ✓ | " " " " | | | | | " " " | do. |
| Godwin & Johnson. | ✓ | Att. [no bond of J. H. Johnson with 1847 Sept. Cont. Mex. Dollars &c.] | | May 1. 1845. | 10.000 00 | | July 15. 1845. | Cont. |
| Charles Bacon | ✓ | Receipt | | | | | Nov. 12. 1845. | " |
| Nathaniel Biddle | ✓ | " | | | | | " " " | " |
| Alexander Mills | ✓ | Att. for Reorganization | | June 3. 1846. | | | June 2. 1847. | Not shown in time for judgment. |
| James W. Woods | ✓ | " | | " " " | | | " " " | " " also found. |

SIR:

I herewith report the following CASES PENDING and UNDECIDED at the *28th* term of the *Circuit* Court of the United States for the year 1847 District of *Missouri*

Respectfully, yours,

J. M. Pope

Clerk of the U. S.

Circuit Court for the District of

TO THE SOLICITOR OF THE TREASURY.

NOTE.—When the proceeding is in rem, state the thing seized, and the claimant's name, (if known,) instead of defendant. Cases arising out of the operations of the Post Office Department are not to be included in the returns to the Solicitor.

| DEFENDANT. | FORM OF ACTION. | ON WHAT BROUGHT. | NUMBER. | DATE. | AMOUNT. | | WHEN COMMENCED. | REMARKS. |
|-------------------------|--|---------------------------|---------|-------|----------|--------|-----------------|--|
| | | | | | Dollars. | Cents. | | |
| Woolman Woodruff | Indictment for Embezz. | Letters &c | | | | | Dec 1. 1845 | Cont ^d on mo. & afft of dist atty |
| Same | Indict for detaining Postal letters &c | | | | | | Same | do |
| Same | Indict for Embezz. a letter Conty Pk notes | | | | | | Same | do |
| Same | Indict taking Embezz. &c | | | | | | Same | do |
| Widow Barclay | Indict Cont. for S. Coin | Mar. dollars | | | | | " | Cont ^d on mo. dist atty |
| Augustus Barton | Indict. Cont. Coin | W. S. | | | | | " | do |
| John Taylor | do | do | | | | | " | do |
| John Eaton | " | " | | | | | " | do |
| William Richards | " | " | | | | | " | do |
| Bingham Young | " | " | | | | | " | do |
| Joseph Jackson | " | " | | | | | " | do |
| Wm. P. Pratt | " | " | | | | | " | do |
| Green Hyde | " | " | | | | | " | do |
| Charles Good | Indict Cont. for S. Coin | in W. S. | | | | | " | do |
| John Davis | " | " | | | | | " | do |
| Charles Red Survivor &c | Debt | P.O. Bonds | | | | | June 29. 1842 | Cont ^d in Sup Court on bill of ex. of law |
| William Parson & others | " | Marshall's bonds | | | | | Nov 31. 1844 | Cont. on Debt mo. |
| John H. Calhoun | " | the bond of J. H. Calhoun | | | | | July 15. 1845 | Cont ^d on motion dist atty |
| James B. Adamsburg &c | " | P.O. bond | | | | | Sept 19. 1845 | do do do |
| John Butcher | Deceit | | | | | | Nov 12. 1845 | do do do |
| James Brown | " | | | | | | do " | do do do |
| John Walker &c | Indict for detaining letters without license | | | | | | Oct. 18. 1845 | Cont ^d on motion dist atty |
| The City of Chicago | Chancery | P.O. bonds | | | | | June 7. 1845 | Cont ^d on motion dist atty |
| The W. Smith &c | Chancery | P.O. bonds | | | | | Nov 24. 1845 | Cont ^d on motion dist atty |
| J. C. Newman &c | " | | | | | | July 2. 1846 | Cont ^d on motion dist atty |

P.O. Bonds I have inadvertently included in the above statement & cases arising out of the operations of the P.O. Dept.

COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

14th day of Aug

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I herewith report the following CASES PENDING and UNDECIDED at the same Term of the Circuit Court of the United States for the

District of *Alameda*

Respectfully, your

Clerk of the U. S. *Circuit* Court for the District of

TO THE SOLICITOR OF THE TREASURY.

NOTE.—When the proceeding is *in rem*, state the thing seized, and the claimant's name, (if known,) instead of defendant.

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE

COURT OF THE UNITED STATES,

District of *Massachusetts*

10th day of February

1845.

SIR :

I herewith report the following CASES DECIDED at the *December* term of the *Chief* Court of the United States for the

District of *Mass.*

Respectfully, yours,

Wm. B. R.

TO THE SOLICITOR OF THE TREASURY.

Clerk of the U. S. : *Quincy* Court for the

District of *Mass.*

NOTE.—When the proceeding is *in rem*, state the thing seized, and the claimant's name, (if known,) instead of the defendant. Cases arising out of the operations of the Post Office Department, are not to be included in the returns to the Solicitor.

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RECORD GROUP 46

RECORDS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE

**Memorials of the Mormons in Illinois to Congress, 1840-1844,
Two of Which Relate to Outrages Committed
Against the Mormons in Missouri, 1831-39**

28th Cong.
1. Sept

Memorial
of inhabitants of Nauvoo
in Illinois, praying
redress for injuries to their
persons & property by
lawless proceedings of
citizens of Missouri.

1844 April 5 referred to
Com. on the Judiciary

Attest

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress assembled.

The Memorial of the undersigned Inhabitants of Hancock County in the State of Illinois respectfully sheweth.

That they belong to the Society of Latter Day Saints, commonly called Mormons, that a portion of the same commenced settling in Jackson County Missouri, in the Summer of 1831, where they purchased land and settled upon them with the intention and expectation of becoming permanent Citizens in Common with the People of the State.

From a very early period after the Settlement began a very unfriendly feeling was manifested towards the neighboring people, and as the Society increased, this unfriendly Spirit also increased until it was carried into a cruel and unrelenting persecution and the Society was at last compelled to leave the State. On account of these unpunished persecutions has been published to the world, yet we deem it not proper to embody a few of the most prominent items in this memorial and lay them before your Honorable body.

On the 20th of July 1833 a mob collected at Independence, a delegation or Committee from which, called upon a few members of our Church here, and stated to them that the Store, Printing Office, and all Mechanic Shops belonging to our people must be closed forthwith, and the Society leave the County immediately. These Conditions were so unexpected and so hard, that a short time was asked for consideration on the subject before an answer could be given, which was refused, and when some of our men answered that they could not consent to comply with such propositions, the work of destruction commenced. The Printing Office, a valuable two story brick building, was destroyed by the Mob, and with much valuable property; they next went to the Store for the same purpose, but one of the Persons thereof, being to close it, they abandoned their design. A series of outrages was then commenced by the mob, some of our prominent members of our Society; Bishop Partridge was dragged from his house and family, where he was put brutally stripped of his clothes and then tormented and perished from heat to fast. A man by the name of Allen was also hanged at the same time. Three days afterwards the Mob assembled in great numbers, bearing a red flag, and proclaiming that, unless the Society would leave on terms, every man of them should be killed. Being in a defenceless situation, to avoid a general massacre, a party was ordered into and rallied, by which it was agreed that one half of the Society should leave the County by the first of January, and the remainder by the first of April following. In October, while one party were gathering their crops and otherwise preparing to fulfil their part of the treaty, the mob again collected without any provocation, shot at some of our people, whipped others, threw down their houses, and committed many other depredations; the Members of the Society were for some time harassed, both day and night, their houses assailed and broken open, and their Women and Children insulted and abused. The Store house of A. S. Gilbert & Co. was broken open, ransacked, and some of the goods shewed in there. These repeated assaults so aroused the malignant feelings of our people that a small party went on one occasion when numbers of our people, resisted the mob, a conflict ensued, in which one of our people

and some two or three of their assistants were killed. This unfortunate affair raised the whole County in arms, and we were required forthwith to surrender our arms and leave the County. Fifty one guns were sent up, which have never been returned or paid for to this day. Parties of the mob from 30 to 70 in number then ravaged the County in every direction, threatening and abducting women and children until they were forced, first to take shelter in the woods and prairies at a very inconvenient season of the year, and finally to make their escape to Clay County, where the people permitted them to take refuge for a time.

After the Society had left Jackson County their belongings amounting to about two hundred, were either burned or otherwise destroyed, with a great portion of their crops, as well as furniture, stock &c for which they have not as yet received any remuneration. The Society remained in Clay County, nearly three years, when in compliance with the demands of the Citizens there, it was determined to remove to that Section of Country known afterwards as Caldwell County. In order to secure our people from molestation, the members of the Society bought out most of the former inhabitants of what is now Caldwell County, and also entered much of the wild lands, then belonging to the United States in that Section of Country, kindly hoping that as we were American Citizens, obeying the laws, and assisting to support the government, we would be protected in the use of homes which we had honestly purchased from the general government and fully paid for. Here we were permitted to enjoy peace for a season, but as our Society increased in numbers, our settlements were made in Davis and Carroll counties, unbounded jealousies springing up among our neighbors over the spirit of the Mob was soon manifested again. The people of our Church etc had located themselves at De Witt were emboldened by the Mob to leave the place, notwithstanding the militia were called out for their protection. From De Witt the mob went to Davies County, and where on their way took some of our people prisoners and greatly abused and mistreated them. Our people had been driven by force from Jackson County; they had been compelled to leave Clay County and sell their lands there, for which they have never been paid; they had finally settled in Caldwell County where they have purchased and paid for nearly all the government land within its limits, in order to secure homes where they could live and worship in peace, but even here they were soon followed by the mob. The Society remained in Caldwell from 1836 until the fall of 1838, and during that time had acquired, by purchase from the government, the settlers and land companies, three Counties when our people first emigrated there. Settlements were for the most part wild and uncultivated, and they had converted them into large and well improved farms, well stocked. Slaves had risen in value from ten to 75 dollar per acre, and these lands were rapidly increasing in cultivation and wealth. In August 1838 a riot commenced growing out of the attempt of a number of the Society to vote, which resulted in creating great

the County of Calaveras and a portion of those in Davis and Colusa Counties. These Counties when our people first commenced their settlements were for the most part wild and uncultivated, and they had introduced them into large and well improved farms with stock. Davis has risen in value from two to six dollars per acre, and these Counties were rapidly advancing in civilization and wealth. In August 1858 a war commenced growing out of the attempt of the Indians to take which resulted in a feeling great enmity and many series of bloody collisions. A large mob under the command of Commodore Williams came into the vicinity of Bear River, drove off our stock and abused our people, another party came into Calaveras and took away our hocks and cattle, burnt our houses, and ordered the inhabitants to leave their homes immediately. By order of Brigadier General Parnovan and Colonel Hinkle a company of about 60 men went to attack this mob under the command of Major W. S. Sutton. A conflict ensued in which Captain Sutton and two of his men were killed and others wounded. A number of men from two to three hundred in number, many of whom were supposed to have come from Charleston, fell on our people and actually burned the homes for several days down and killed eighteen, as they walked to many other places.

They were finally compelled to fly from those Counties; and on the 11th of October 1838, they might easily be that means, with their families, leaving many of their effects behind; that they had previously applied to the constituted authorities of Missouri for protection but in vain. The Society were persecuted by the mob. Effects seized, deaths occurred on each side, and finally a force was organized under the authority of the Governor of the State of Missouri, with orders to drive us from the State, or exterminate us. Abandonment and escape; those to whom we had looked for protection, we determined to make no further reliance. But retired to the authorities of the State, and asked to our full recovery have it might be. Several members of the Society were arrested and imprisoned on a charge of treason against the State; and the rest amounting to about 14,000 fled, and into the other States, principally into Illinois, where they now reside.

Your Memorialists would further state, that they have heretofore petitioned your Honorable Body, in every manner for the injuries set forth in this memorial but the Committee to whom our petition was referred, reported, in substance, that the general government had no power in the case; and that we must look for relief to the State and the Legislature of Missouri. In reply, your Memorialists would say, that we do not think that they have repeatedly applied to the authorities of Missouri in vain. That though the laws of Missouri are applied to the laws and support the institutions of the country, now of us would dare enter Missouri for any such purpose, or for any purpose whatever. Our property was seized by the Miss, or lawlessly confiscated by the State, and we were forced at the point of the Bayonet to sign Oaths of Trust relinquishing our property but the threatening order of the Governor of Missouri is still in force and we dare not return to claim our just rights — the widows and orphans of those slain, who enter legally upon the lands of Trust, dare not return to claim the Indemnities left them by their murdered Parents.

It is true the Constitution of the United States gives to us in Congress with all other States or dis-junct States, the right to enter and sell in Missouri, but an executive order has been issued to obstruct us in the State, and that part of the Constitution becomes a nullity so far as we are concerned.

Had any foreign State or power committed a similar outrage upon us, we cannot for a moment scruple that the strong arm of the general government would have been stretched out to rectify our wrongs and we flatter ourselves that ~~this~~^{the} same power will either redress ~~our~~^{any} grievances or shield us from harm in our efforts to regain our lost property, which we fairly purchased from the general government.

Finally your Memorialists, pray your Honorable Body to take their wrongs into consideration.

And your Memorialists will ever pray &c.

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Edw. A. Wood Memorial (signed in-
memory of)

Edward Hunter

John Hunter

Edward Hunter Jr.

Margaret Hunter

& D. Parker

David L. Rising

Miss L. Rising

Abel Butterfield

William Butterfield

John A. Forbes

David Brewster

Robert Mayton

James Downing

John F. Remondet

Matilda Strecher

Martha A. Remondet

Mrs. A. Green

Margaret Sutherland

Andrew Sutherland

26th Cong.
1. Sept 3

Memorial
of a Delegation of the
'Latter Day Saints,' com-
monly called Mormons
praying redress for out-
rages committed on their
persons and property by
the Citizens and Authorities
of the State of Missouri.

1840 Jan 28. Laid on the
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" March 4. Report.

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Mr Young.

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To the honorable the Senate and House
of Representatives of the United States of Amer-
ica in Congress assembled:

Upon Memorialists,
Joseph Smith, junr., Sidney Rigdon; and Elias
Higbee, would most respectfully represent, that they
have been delegated by their brethren and fellow citizens,
the "Latter Day Saints" (commonly called Mormons) to
prepare and present to your Honorable bodies, a statement
of their wrongs, and a prayer for their relief, which they
now have the honor to submit to the consideration of
the Congress of the United States.

This Memorial sheweth: — That in the
summer of the year 1831, a portion of the sect above-
named commenced a settlement in the County of
Jackson in the State of Missouri: The individuals
making that settlement had emigrated from almost
every State in the Union, to that lovely spot in the
"Far West," in the hope of improving their condition;
of building homes for themselves and posterity; and of
erecting Temples where they and theirs might worship
their Creator, according to the dictates of their own
consciences. Though they had wandered far from the
homes of their childhood, still they had been taught
to believe, that a citizen born in any one State in
this great Republic, might remove to another and
enjoy all the rights and immunities guaranteed to
the citizens of the State of his adoption; that wherever
waved the American flag, beneath its stars and
stripes, an American citizen might look for protec-
tion and justice — liberty in person, and in conscience.

They bought farms, built houses, erected churches;
some tilled the earth, they bought and sold merchandise;

and others again toiled in the occupation of the mechanic. They were industrious and moral; they prospered; and though often persecuted and vilified for their difference in religious opinions, from their ~~happy~~ ^{fellow} citizens, still they were happy. They saw their society increasing in numbers; their farms teemed with plenty; and they fondly looked forward to a future big with hope. That there ^{they knew that slanders were propagated against them} was prejudice existing against them, they deplored; yet they felt that these things were unmerited and unjust; that time and an upright conduct would outgrow them in this enlightened age of the world. While this summer of peace and happiness and hope beamed upon them, and shone over the infant settlement of the "Saints," the dark cloud that bore in its boom the thunder bolt of their destruction was gathering fast around them, pregnant with prejudice, oppression and ^{final expulsions or extermination.} ~~destruction~~. On the 20th of July 1833 around their peaceful village, a mob gathered to the surprise and terror of the quiet, unoffending Mormons; why, they knew not. They had broken no law; they had harmed no man in deed or thought. Why then were they thus threatened and abused? Soon a Committee from the mob called upon the leading "Saints" of the place, and issued forth the mandate that the stores, the printing office, and the work shops must all be closed; and that forthwith every Mormon must leave the county. The message was so terrible, so unexpected, the "Saints" asked time for deliberation, for consultation; which being refused, the Brethren were severally asked "Are you willing to abandon your homes?" the reply was such as became freemen living

in a free country. 'We will not go': which determination being made known to the Committee of the Mob; one of them replied; 'he was sorry, as the work of destruction must now begin'. No sooner said than done. The printing office, a two story brick building, was assailed by the Mob, and torn down, and with all its valuable furniture and materials literally destroyed. They next proceeded to the principal store with a like purpose; its owner in part, Mr Gilbert, agreed to close it, and they delayed their purpose of destruction.

They then proceeded to the dwelling of Mr Partridge, the beloved Bishop of the Church; they dragged him from his family to the public square, and when surrounded by hundreds ^{of spectators}, they partially stripped him of his clothes, and in the most unfeeling manner, covered him with tar and feathers, from head to foot. Another by the name of Allen, was treated in a similar manner, at the same time. The mob then dispersed with an agreement to meet again on the following Tuesday; the above outrages having been committed on Saturday.

Tuesday came, and with it came the Mob, bearing a red flag in token of blood. They proceeded to the houses of Isaac Morley and others of the leading men, seized them, and told them to bid their families farewell; ~~that~~ ^{as} they would never see them again. They were then driven at the point of the bayonet to the Jail, and there, amid the jeers and insults of the crowd were thrust into prison, to be kept ~~as~~ hostages and for immolation, in case any of the mob should be killed while depredating upon the persons and property of the 'Saints'. At this
awful and

useful and critical juncture some two or three of
 the Mormons offered to surrender up themselves as
 victims, if that would satisfy the fury of the
 mob; and purchase peace and security for their
 unoffending brethren, their helpless wives, and
 innocent children. The reply of the mob was -
 "The Mormons must leave the country in haste
or every man shall be put to death" The Mormons
 terrified and defenceless, were thus in this manner
 reduced to the necessity of entering into an
 agreement to leave the country; one half by the
 first of January - the other half by the first
 of April next ensuing. This treaty being made
 and ratified, the mob dispersed. Again for a
 time, the persecuted Mormons enjoyed a respite
 from their relentless persecutors, but their repose
 was of short duration. Some time in the month
 of October a meeting was held at Independence,
 at which it was determined to remove the Mormons
 or die. Inflammatory speeches of the most violent
 character were made to excite the populace; and
 one of the speakers went so far in his denunciations
 as to swear "that he would remove the Mormons
 from the County, if he had to wade to his neck
 in blood". Up to this time, the Mormons had
 faithfully observed the forced treaty stipulations
 on their part; and were guilty of no offence against
 either the laws of the land or of society; but were
 peaceably following the routine of their daily
 duties. Shortly after the meeting above referred to,
 another persecution commenced, with increased
 sufferings on the part of the devoted Mormons.
 Some of their people were shot at; others were
 whipped without mercy; their houses assailed
 with brickbats

with brickbats, the doors broken open, and thrown down; their women grossly insulted; and their weeping daughters brutally abused ^{by} their mothers eyes. Thus were they for many days and weeks, without offence and without resistance, by night and by day, harassed, insulted and oppressed. But there is a point beyond which human endurance ceases to be a virtue; when the worm, ~~when~~ if trampled upon, will in the agony of its distress turn upon its oppressor. A company of about thirty Mormons fell in with twice that number of the Mob, engaged in the destruction of their property; when a battle ensued in which, one Mormon was killed, and two or three of the mob. We here regret to say, that acting in concert with the officer who commanded the Mob, was Silbourn Boggs, at that time Lieutenant Governor of the State of Missouri. When the news of this battle was spread abroad, the public mind became much inflamed against our people; the militia collected in arms from various quarters, and in great numbers; and being excited to fury by the false accounts which had been circulated against us; they demanded an immediate surrender of all our arms, and gave a peremptory order that we should quit the County without further delay. Compelled by overpowering numbers, the Mormons submitted, and surrendered up fifty one guns which have never been returned or accounted for. The next day, parties of the Mob went from house to house threatening the women and children with death, if they did not immediately leave their homes. Imagination cannot paint, nor tongue express, the terror and consternation which now pervaded the Mormon Community. The weather was intensely

cold; the women and childrens honor, striken and defenceless, abandoned their homes, and fled for safety in every direction; very many of them without the necessary articles of clothing to protect them from the fallings of the pitiless storm and piercing cold to which they were exposed. Women gave birth to infants in the woods, and on the bleak bosoms of the prairies homeless and unsheltered; - at that critical and trying time without any of the necessities usual on such occasions, without their husbands, and without Physicians or midwives or any other assistance except as they could assist each other. One hundred and twenty women and children, for ten successive days with only three or four men to aid them, concealed themselves in the recesses of the forest, in hourly expectation of massacre, until they found an opportunity of escaping into Clay County.

The Society of Mormons, after these disturbances, removed to the County of Clay, where they were kindly received by their brethren and the inhabitants, who administered to their necessities in the most charitable manner. In the mean time the houses of the Mormons, in the County of Jackson which they had abandoned, numbering about two hundred, were burned down, or otherwise demolished by the mob, who destroyed at the same time much of their crops, furniture, and stock. The damage done to the property of the Mormons by the mob in the County of Jackson under the circumstances above related, as near as they can ascertain, would amount to the sum of One Hundred and Twenty thousand Dollars. The number of Mormons thus disfranchised and driven from their houses and homes in the County of Jackson amounted to about Twelve hundred souls. For the property thus destroyed no remuneration has been made. After the

the expulsion of the Mormons from the County of Jackson, in the manner above stated, they removed to and settled in the County of Clay. They there purchased farms from some of the citizens, and entered other lands at the land office - wild lands, offered for sale by the General Government. The most of them again became freeholders, owning each an eighty acre tract ~~of land~~ or more of land. The Mormons now lived peaceably in the County of Clay for about three years, and during all that time increased gradually in number by immigration, and in wealth by their industry, and diligent attention in their several occupations. After they had resided in that County for the time above mentioned, the citizens not connected with their society, began to look upon them with suspicion and alarm. Reports were again circulated against them; public meetings were held in the Counties of Clay and Jackson, at which violent resolutions were passed against their people, and rumors of mobs began again to spread alarm and dismay among the unoffending Mormons. At this critical juncture, the Mormons being desirous of avoiding, if possible, further conflict with their neighbours and fellow citizens; and anxious to preserve the peace and harmony of the Society around them as well as their own safety, deputed a Committee of their leading men to propose terms of peace. An interview took place between them and a Committee of citizens not connected with their society, at which it was agreed, that the Mormons should leave the County of Clay, and that the citizens of Clay County should purchase their lands. These terms were complied with, and the Mormons now removed to, and took up their abode in the County of Caldwell where they once more reorganized a settlement, but not without very

heavy pecuniary losses and other inconveniences, as the citizens of Clay County never paid them for their lands, with the exception of a very small part of the purchase money to some, while others have not as yet, and perhaps never will, receive a single farthing). The Mormons by this removal sacrificed much of money and of feeling; but the sacrifice was made upon the altar of duty as christians, rather than again^{to} affording a pretext for the disturbance of the peace of the community.

Your Memorialists would humbly beg leave here to give what they believe to be a just and unvarnished explanation of the causes which have led to the bitter prejudices and persecutions against their Society as above related, without malice and without exaggeration, with the Christian desire^{is} of rendering fair and impartial justice to all concerned.

That there have been some unworthy members among them, they will not deny; but they aver at the same time, that taken as a community, they have been and are as moral, as upright, and as observant of the laws of God and of the land, as any body of people in the world of the same number. Why then this prejudice, and never ending persecution? An answer they think will be found in the facts: that they were a body of people, distinct from their fellow citizens, in religious opinions, in their habits, and in their associations; and withal sufficiently numerous

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to make their political and moral power a matter of anxiety and dread to the political and religious parties by which they were surrounded. Which prejudices arose, not from what the Mormons had done; but from the fear of what they might do, if they should see proper to exercise this power. In addition to this, the Mormons had either purchased of the settlers, or the General Government, or held by Pre-emption rights, what were regarded the best lands in that region of the Country. The tide of speculation during this period of time ran high; and the cupidity of many, was thus unlawfully aroused, to possess themselves of these lands, and add to their wealth by driving the Mormons from the country, and taking forcible possession of them; or constraining them to sell through fear and coercion at prices merely nominal and of their own fixing.

After the removal of the Mormons from Clay County, they settled in the county of Caldwell, your memorialists do not deem it necessary, for their purpose to detail the history of the progress of the settlements and anxieties of the Mormons, from the time they settled in Caldwell County in the year 1836 until the fall of the year 1838. They would, however, aver that during all that time they deported themselves as good citizens; obeying the laws of the land, and performing the moral & religious duties enjoined by their faith. That, there may have been some faithless ones, among the faithful, is very possible. Nay they will not deny, but that there may have been some who were a scandal to their brethren. But what society, your memorialists would ask, has not some unworthy members in it? Where the sect, religious, moral or

political. Where the community, in which there cannot be found some of its members who trample under foot both the laws of God, and of their fellow man? They sincerely believe that the Mormon community have as few such persons as any other associations, religious, moral, or political. Within the above last mentioned period, and under all these difficulties, the Mormons continued to increase in wealth and in numbers; until in the fall of the year 1838, they numbered as near as they can estimate, about 15,000 souls.

They now held by purchases from the Government, of the Settlers, and by pre-emption, almost all the lands in the County of Caldwell and a portion of the lands ⁱⁿ of Daviess & Carroll Counties. The County of Caldwell was settled almost entirely by Mormons; and Mormons were rapidly filling up the counties of Daviess and Carroll. When they first commenced settling in these counties, there were but few settlements, and the lands were for the most part wild and uncultivated. In the fall of 1838 large well improved farms had been made and stocked; lands had risen in value; and in some instances had been sold for from \$10 to \$25 per acre. The improvement and settlements had been such that it was a common remark that the County of Caldwell would soon be the wealthiest in the State. Thus stood the affairs of the Society in the fall of 1838 when the storm of persecution again commenced and raged over their devoted heads. The mob again commenced its devastations, and drove the Mormons forth; houseless, homeless, and penniless upon the charities of the world; which to them, thank

God, had been, in times of trial and distress like Angels visits; but not few nor far between. This last persecution had its origin at an election which was held in the county of Daviess on the first Monday in August 1838.

A mormon went to the polls to vote, when one of the mob standing by, opposed his voting; contending that a mormon had no more right to vote than a negro. One angry word brought on another until unfortunately blows ensued. They are happy nevertheless to state that the mormon was not the aggressor; having acted as they believe entirely on the defensive. Others joined in the assault; not one or two, but many against the mormon. His brethren seeing him thus assailed by numbers and exposed to great bodily injury, interferred to rescue him from his perilous situation; when others of the mob came and joined in the affray; being determined, as they said, "that the mormons should not vote". A general riot now commenced; the mormons being determined to exercise the right of voting as citizens of the county; and the mob being equally determined that they should not - victory in this instance decided on the side of rights. Rumor reached the mormons of Caldwell County the next day, that two of their brethren had been killed in this affray; and that a refusal had been made to surrender their bodies for burials. Not knowing at the time that this rumor was without foundation, much excitement prevailed, and several of the mormons started for Daviess county with a view of finding, if possible, for their brethren, whom they supposed to have been murdered,

a decent burial. They arrived next morning among the citizens and found great excitement prevailing. They had held a public meeting and resolved to drive all the mormons from the country. Individuals began again to threaten the mormons as a body, and to swear that they should all leave the country in three days. The mormons also heard that a large mob was collecting against them, headed by Adam Black one of the judges of the County Court of Daviess County. Under these circumstances and with a view to allay this excitement some of the brethren called on Judge Black and enquired whether the report they had heard was true. Upon his denying the truth of it, they requested him to give that denial in writing which he freely did; which writing they published with a view to calm the public mind, and to allay the existing excitement. Having done this, they rested in quiet for some time, hoping that these efforts would produce the desired effect. Their surprise under these circumstances can be easily imagined, when a short time after this, they learned that this same Judge Black had gone before Judge King and made affidavit that he was forced to sign that instrument, by an armed band of mormons; and thereupon procured a warrant for the apprehension of Joseph Smith and Lyman Wright which was placed in the hands of the Sheriff to be executed. It was also reported that the accused individuals had refused to be taken, and that an armed party of citizens was collecting to come and take them by force. Your memorialists ever

that the Sheriff had never made any effort either to take them or serve the process; and that Smith and Wright, so far from opposing resistance, did not know that a writ had been issued against them until they learned that such was the case by the reports above related. In the mean time the rumor had spread over the whole country, that the Mormons were compelling individuals to sign certain instruments in writing, that they ^(the Mormons) were not resisting the process of the law. The public mind had now become much inflamed and the mob began to collect from all quarters, and in large numbers, with the pretext of assisting the Sheriff to execute the process. And let it be ^{here} observed, in passing, that Judge Adam Black had ^{before that time} sold the improvements and pre-emption claims on which he then resided to the Mormons; had received his pay for the same; that through his instrumentality the Mormons were broken up and driven off; and that he now ^{unlawfully} retains both their money and the improvements. As soon as the report of their intended resistance reached Smith & Wright, they determined immediately to go ^{in person} ^{to} the ^{Judge who issued the warrant against them,} ~~Sheriff~~, and before the mob proceeded to extremities, ^{each} submit themselves to the law. They both surrendered themselves ^{certainly} to Judge King who had issued the process, underwent a trial, and in the absence of any just accusations against them, were ^{acquitted and} discharged. They hoped that this voluntary submission of theirs to the law, and their successful vindication ^{of themselves} against the charges prepared against them would allay the excitement of the community; but not so. The long desired opportunity had

arrived of consummating the extermination of the
 mormons or their expulsion from the country,
 by giving to their ~~proceedings~~ ^{persecutions} the color and form
 of legal proceedings; and it could not be
 forbore. The mob which had assembled with
 the pretext of assisting the officers of the law
 in the execution of their duty, did not dis-
 perse on the acquittal of Smith and Wright, as
 was expected; but continued embodied in their
 encampments in the form of a military force,
 and committing from time to time one depreda-
 tion after another upon the property of the mor-
 mons. The mormons, in this extremity, appealed for
~~protection~~ ^{aid} to the laws of the land, and to the officers
 of the law for protection against their infraction.
 After much delay the militia under Generals Atchison,
 Donaphan, and Parkes were sent to their relief.
 They arrived on the 13th of Sept. and encamped be-
 tween the mob and the mormons. These officers
 made no attempt to disperse the mob, and excused
 themselves by saying, "that the sympathies of their
 men were in their favor". After remaining in this
 situation for several days, these officers at length
 adopted the following expedient of settling ~~the~~
 the existing difficulties, and restoring peace.
 They mustered the mob and enrolled them with
 their troops, and then disbanded the whole together,
 with orders to return to their several homes. The
 officers then returned home, with the exception of
 Lieut. Parks, who remained for their protection with
 his men. The mormons then made an agree-
 ment with the citizens of Davis county, to buy
 out their land and pre-emption rights; and appoint-
 ed a committee to make the purchases, with in-
 structions to buy until they purchased to the amount

to an infant just before the flight commenced
 died on the road, and was buried without a
 coffin. Many others were sick, from starvation
 and fatigue, and being deprived of medical aid
 and sustenance, died upon the road. The remnant
 of this little band of sufferers arrived at Daviess
 and Caldwell counties at length, and found
^{temporary} relief from their troubles, among their friends
 and brethren in these counties; but it was of
 short duration. After the abandonment of
 DeWitt and the flight of the Mormons from
 Carroll county, one ~~Isaiah~~ ^{Isaiah} Woods addressed
 the mob, and advised them to take their
 cannon and march to the county of Daviess
 and drive the Mormons also from that county, and
 seize upon their lands and property, ^{saying} by way of
 encouragement; that "the Mormons could get no
 benefit of the law, as they had recently seen that
 no attention had been paid to their applications
 for protection". They then commenced their march
 from Carroll to Daviess county with their cannon.
 On their way they seized two Mormons, made
 them ride on the cannon, and taunted them as
 they went along with their threats, "that they
were going to drive the Mormons from Daviess
to Caldwell, and from Caldwell to Hell; and
that they should find no quarters but at the
cannon's mouth." The mob at this ^{time} was reported
 to number about 400 strong. The Mormons in
 their distresses, in pursuance of the laws of
 Missouri, made application to Judge King, the
 circuit Judge of that circuit, for protection; and
 for the aid of the officers of the law to protect the
 magistracy in the performance of their duty.
 Judge King as they have been informed and believe

made a requisition on Major General Atchison to call out the militia to protect the Mormons against the mob. General Atchison thereupon issued orders to Brigadiers Parks & Donaphan.

In pursuance of these orders issued on the 18th of October 1858 General Donaphan arrived at "Far West"; a mormon village in the County of Caldwell, with a small detachment of Militia. After he had been at "Far West" two days only, he disbanded his troops, alleging to the Mormons as his reason for so doing, that his men had feelings ^{common} with the mob; and that he could not rely upon them. In a short time afterwards, General Parks arrived at "Far West" and also disbanded his detachment.

During this period the mob ^{slowly making its way,} ~~was marching~~ from Carroll to Daviess County. General Donaphan while at "Far West" directed the Mormons to raise a company to protect themselves; telling them, that one Cornelius Gilliam was raising a mob to destroy their towns; and advised them to place outguards to watch the movements of the mob...

He also directed them to raise a company of Mormons and send them to Daviess^{County} to aid their brethren there, against the like depredations; as a mob was marching down upon them from Carroll County. This the Mormons did. They had mustered a company of about sixty men who had proceeded to Diamond, when General Parks arrived at "Far West" as aforesaid. Having learned that General Donaphan had disbanded his men he ^(Gen Parks) expressed great dissatisfaction that he should have done so. The evening on which General Parks disbanded his men as before related, he proceeded to Diamond in order to learn what the mob

were doing; and if possible to protect the Mormons. When General Parks arrived in Daviess County, he found that the mob had already commenced their work of destruction, which was on the 20th of October 1838.

They commenced by burning the house of a man who had gone to Tennessee on business, and left his wife at home with two small children. When the house was burned down the wife sought refuge with her children in the hay-mow and had to walk three miles before she could find a shelter. She carried her two children all that distance and had to wade Grand River which was ^{at the time, about} three feet deep. The mob on the same evening burned seven other houses and destroyed all ^{the} Mormon property that came in their way.

The next morning Colonel Lyman Wright an officer of the militia, ^{said a member of the Mormon Society,} enquired of General Parks what was to be done, as he now saw the course the mob was determined to pursue.

General Parks replied, that he (Wright) should take a company of men and ^{if necessary} give the mob battle, and that he would be responsible for the consequences; ~~saying~~ saying, they would have no peace with the mob until they had given them a scourging.

On the next morning in obedience to this order David W. Patten, ^{a Mormon officer,} was despatched with one hundred men under his command in the direction of the mob, which was advancing from Carroll County, with orders to protect the citizens from injury, and to collect and bring into "Far West" such of the Mormons as were scattered through that part of the County; and that if the mob first ^{tempered} to prevent the execution of his orders, he should fight them. The company under the command of Patten, was the same in part

that had gone from "Far West" by the orders
 of Gen. Donaphon to protect the citizens of
 Daviess County. As Patten advanced in the
 direction of the mob, they retreated before
 him, leaving their cannon on the way,
 which fell into the hands of Patten^{and his men}. The
 mob being thus dispersed, Patten returned
 with his ^{company} ~~men~~ to Daviess County; and in a
 few days afterwards came back to "Far West".
 It was now supposed that all difficulties
 were at an end, and that the mormons would
 be suffered to rest in peace. But contrary to
 this expectation, on the evening of the 23^d of October
 messengers arrived at "Far West" and informed the
^{mormons} ~~citizens~~ that a body of armed men had made its
 appearance in the south part of the county; and
 that they were burning houses, destroying property,
 and threatening the mormons with death, "unless they
 left the county the next morning by 10 o'clock, or
 renounced their religion". About midnight another
 messenger came with news of like import. Patten
^{again} collected about sixty ^{mormon} men and proceeded to the scene
 of the disturbance, to protect, if possible, the lives and
 property of the mormons from the threatened destruction.
 On his arrival in the neighborhood, where the first ravages
 had been committed, he found that the mob had gone to
 another part of the county, and were continuing to per-
 petrate acts of plunder ^{both against the persons and property of the mormons.} and outrage. He marched a
 short distance further, when he unexpectedly came
 upon the encampment of the mob. The sentinels of
 the mob instantly fired upon him and killed one of
 his men. They continued their fire until Patten
 ordered a charge, when, after a few fires the mob
 were dispersed and fled in all directions. But how
 Patten was killed and one of his men also fell by his side.

to rise no more. After this fight and the dispersion of the mob, Patten's company again returned to "Far West" but without their leader. The reports of these proceedings created much excitement, and the citizens, through false and exaggerated statements, were made to believe that the mormons were actually in rebellion against the laws ^{of the country}. So cruel and so unprovoked, had been the persecutions against them; and those entrusted with the power of the civil and military authority having failed to exercise either for their protection; the mormons saw no alternatives, but that which the laws of nature gave, of self defence; and so far, on this occasion, they exerted it. About this time, the Governor of the State, issued ^{the bloody} an order to General Clark to raise several thousand men, to march them against the mormons and drive them from the State, or exterminate them. Major General Lucas & Brigadier Genl. Wilson collected three or four thousand men, and with this formidable force, commenced their march against the mormons, and arrived at "Far West" without molestation, and without seeing an enemy ^{on the way}. In their rear marched Gen. Clark with the residue of the army. The mormons were taken by surprise, not having heard of these immense warlike preparations until the enemy was upon them. And so far from expecting an armed force acting under state authority against them, they still had hopes, that the Governor would in pity, send a sufficient force in time to protect their lives and property from the ravages of the mob. When this formidable army first made its appearance upon their borders, the mormons intent on peace sent a white flag several miles in advance of their village to meet them, to ascertain for what purpose so large an armed force was marching against them, and what the mormons were to expect under such appalling circumstances. They

gave us no satisfactory answer, but continued their march without explanation upon our peaceful Villages. Immediately on their arrival at "Far West" a man came from their camp, bearing a white flag, and demanded the surrender of three persons from the mormons, before, as he said, "they massacred the rest".

These persons refused to go. As soon as this messenger returned back to the camp with our answer, Gen. Donaphon immediately marched his whole Brigade upon our Village in battle array. The mormons of "Far West" thereupon formed ^{thin} ^{forlorn} ^{hope} ⁱⁿ a line of battle immediately in front of Donaphon's army. Donaphon now perceiving that blows were to be received as well as given, and that the fight was ~~now~~ no longer, on one side only, first ordered a halt, and then commenced a hasty retreat. Fortunately night came on, and separated the parties without collision. On the next day, towards evening, the mormons were officially informed, that the Governor of the State had sent this immense force against them with positive orders, "either to exterminate, or to drive them from the state".

As soon as the mormons learned that this order had the sanction of the Governor of the State, and had been officially promulgated, they determined to make no further resistance in defence of their rights as citizens, but to submit themselves to the authorities of the State however tyrannical and unjust the exercise of such authority might be. The commanders of the Missouri militia before "Far West", now sent a messenger into the town requesting an interview at their encampment with five of the principal persons among the mormons, pledging their honor for their safe return to their brethren, and families, on the following morning at eight o'clock.

This interview the mormons supposed was intended as an

overture of peace; and as the pledge of a safe conduct was given; Lyman Wright, George W Robinson, Joseph Smith Junr, Parley Pratt, and Sidney Rigdon started from the camp of the ~~Mormons~~ ^{besiegers}. Before they arrived at the camp of the Governor's Troops, ^{upon this invitation,} they were surrounded on all sides by the invading army; and by an order from Gen. Lucas placed under a strong guard, and marched in triumph into camp, when they were told that they were "prisoners of war." A court martial was held that night, without a hearing on the part of the Mormon delegates, and in the absence of all testimony, these men, who had thus trusted their lives to the honor of the Governor's officers, were condemned to be shot next morning. The execution of this bloody sentence was only prevented by the manly protests of Gen. Doniphan. He denounced the act as cold blooded murder, and immediately withdrew his Brigade from the scene, where this horrible outrage was to be perpetrated. This noble stand taken by General Doniphan arrested the murder of the prisoners. It is here worthy of remark, and we repeat it more in sorrow than in anger, that seventeen preachers of the Gospel were on this court marshal, and horrible to relate were in favor of this merciless sentence. The next morning, the Prisoners were marched under a strong guard to ~~then~~ Independence, the seat of justice of Jackson County, where they were detained for a week or two, and then marched to Richmond where General Clark ^{was} encamped with his troops. Here a court of ^{Examination} ~~inquiry~~ was held before Judge King which continued from the 11th to the 28th of November; during which time, these five prisoners were confining in chains with about fifty other Mormon prisoners taken at "Far West"; and were penned up in an open unfinished court house.

In this mock Court of inquiry the prisoners were deprived of all testimony, by an armed force stationed at the Court House; they being advised by their attorneys, not to attempt to bring any persons as witnesses in their behalf, as they would certainly be in danger of either losing their lives or of being immediately driven from the County. The proceeding was of course ex parte, and no ^{witnesses} ~~testimony~~ examined, except ~~those~~ against them; ^{prisoners; consisted of individuals much} and ^{of a} ~~those~~ ^{of a} ~~prejudiced~~ ^{character}. ^{against the Mormons.} ^{In this investigation} ^{a great many} questions were asked relative to our religious opinions. The conclusion of the examining Court, was, to commit the prisoners once more to jail on a charge of treason against the State.

They do not deem it necessary to detail their suffering while in prison. The horrors of a gloomy dungeon for four long months, shut up in darkness, exposed to the want of every comfort, and for much of the time to the damp and chilling cold of winter, can better be imagined than described. In the following April the prisoners were brought out from their prison and ^{ordered} ~~sent~~ to the County of Boone for trial. They were there formally indicted for Treason, and a change of Venue awarded to Boone County. The prisoners were accordingly ^{under an agreed event} sent to the County of Boone; and while on their way, suffered to escape; when they fled for safety to the State of Illinois. That they were purposely suffered to escape, cannot be questioned. The truth is, that many of their persecutors, of whom the Governor was most conspicuous at this time, had become ashamed of their conduct against the Mormons, ^{and} resorted to this subterfuge, as the best means of getting out of the scrape, and ^{by} consequently giving the prisoners this opportunity to escape. In proof of this assertion, the prisoners have ever since been living publicly in the State of Illinois, on the border of Missouri; and the Executive of Missouri has as yet made no demand upon the Executive of Illinois for their surrender, as is his duty, if they are considered fugitives from justice.

Can it be supposed that the people of Missouri would thus

tamely submit to the commission of Treason ^{against the state,} by a portion of their citizens and make no effort to punish the guilty, when they were thus known to be living publicly in an adjoining sister state? Is not this ^{fact,} ~~positive~~ evidence of the innocence of the Mormons, and of the guilt of their ^{accusers} ~~accusers~~ and persecutors?

But to return to the military operations of Gen. Lucas before the town of "Far West"; we need only say, that the exterminating order of Governor Boggs was carried into full effect. Immediately after the above named individuals were taken and treated as prisoners of war; all the Mormons in "Far West," above five hundred in number, surrendered up their arms to the invaders without further resistance. The Mormons now fled in all directions; women and children marked their ^{on the barren ground} footless, with blood, it being dead of winter, as they fled from the State of Missouri, ^{and from the merciless hands of their pursuers.} The order of the Governor admits of no discretion,

and all were driven from the state, who were not destroyed. Fifteen thousand souls, between the ^{time of the} packing of "Far West" and the following Spring, abandoned their homes, and their property, and fled in terror from the country. The Mormons being thus broken up, and ruined; in want of every necessary of life; ^{broken and} with bleeding hearts, sought refuge in the State of Illinois, where most of them now reside. Your memorialists will not trespass ^{further} upon your time, by the relation of innumerable ~~cases~~ of suffering and distress. They would fill volumes, and many of the pages would be stained with the blood of innocent women and children. But what shall they say of the conduct of many of the Missouri Militia? Alas! what ^{can} ~~shall~~ be said ^{in extenuation,} when humanity would shudder and hide herself in shame, if one half only of the House burnings, destruction of property, robbery, rapes, and murder, should be told? One instance only, will they mention, of the many trying scenes of blood and rapine that were then & there transacted. Two hundred of the ^{Governor's} Militia came suddenly upon some Mormon families emigrating to the State of Missouri, who had not yet reached the body of the Society; and ^{were} encamped at

Aun's Mill in Caldwell County. The mormons took refuge in an old log house which had been used as a blacksmith shop. On seeing the militia approach, they cried for quarter; but in vain! They were instantly fired upon, when eighteen of their number fell dead upon the spot. Their murderers then advanced & putting the muzzles of their guns between the logs, fired indiscriminately upon men and children - the living, dying ^{the} & dead. One little boy, whose father (Warren Smith) had just been killed, cried piteously to the militia to spare his life. The reply was "kill him"; "Kill him"; (with an oath) "he is the son of a damned mormon". He was accordingly shot in the head and fell dead by the side of his father. Just before this little boy was shot, an old man by the name of M^r. Bride, a soldier of the revolution, hearing his cries for mercy, came up and begged them to ^{But instead of listening to his entreaties} spare his life. ^{But} they hewed him to pieces with an old scythe. They then loaded themselves with plunder and departed from this appalling scene of blood and carnage.

Your memorialists have thus, in discharge of the duty confided to them by their Brethren, given a brief outline of the history of their wrongs and persecutions in Missouri. All which they can prove, and aver to be true.

The mormons have not provoked these outrages. They have not ^{either} as a body, or as individuals, knowingly violated the laws of Missouri, or of the United States. Their only offence consists in a difference in religious sentiment; and that they have sometimes, but rarely, resorted to the language of self defence. The above statements will show, that the mormons have on all occasions submitted to the laws of the land; and yielded obedience to its authority in every instance; and often at the hazard of both life and property. Whenever they have opposed resistance to the mob, it was only in self defence; and not even then without the authority and sanction of the officers of the law. And what are the wrongs of which they complain? The

Mormons numbering fifteen thousand souls have been driven from their homes in Missouri; property to the value of two millions of dollars has been taken from them or destroyed; some of their brethren have been murdered; some wounded and others beaten with stripes; the chastity of their wives and daughters inhumanly violated; all driven forth ^{as} wanderers, and many, very many, broken hearted and penniless. The loss of property they do not so much deplore as the mental and bodily sufferings to which they have been subjected, and thus far without redress. They are human beings, possessed of human feelings, and human sympathies. Their agony of soul for their suffering women and children was the bitterest drop in the cup of their sorrows. For these wrongs and sufferings, the Mormons, as American citizens, ask; is there no redress? If so; how and where shall they seek and obtain it? The Constitution, you are sworn to support, alike guarantees to every citizen, the humblest in society, the enjoyment of life, liberty and property. It promises to all, religious freedom; the right to all, of worshipping Almighty God, beneath their own vine and fig tree, according to the dictates of their own consciences. It guarantees alike, to all the citizens of the several States, the right to become citizens of any one of the States; and to enjoy ^{upon their removal} all the rights and immunities of the citizens of the State of their adoption. Yet, of all these rights and immunities, the Mormons have been deprived. They have, without ^{just} cause; without the form of trial, been deprived of life, liberty, and property. They have been persecuted from place to place for their religious opinions. They have been driven from the State of Missouri at the point of the bayonet and treated ^{they have been beaten with stripes as slaves;} worse than a foreign enemy; and threatened with destruction if they should ever venture to return. Those, who should have protected them, have become their most relentless persecutors; and what are ^{the Mormons} they to do? It is the theory of our ^{Constitution and} laws, that, for the

violation of every legal right, there is provided a legal remedy. What then we would respectfully ask, is the remedy for these violations of right in the persons & property of the Mormons? Shall they apply to the Legislature of the State of Missouri for redress? They have done so.

They have petitioned, and their petitions have been treated with silence and contempt. Shall they apply to the Federal Courts in Missouri? They are not permitted to go there; and their juries would be made up of citizens

of that state with all their prejudices against them.

~~But~~ if they could apply to the courts of Missouri, whom shall they sue? The final order for their ^{expulsion} ~~destruction~~ and extermination, it is true, was ^{if paid} ~~affected~~ by the executive of the state; but is he amenable? and if so, is he not wholly irresponsible, so far as indemnity is concerned? Will not the great mass of our persecutors justify themselves under that order? For ourselves, we see no redress, unless it be awarded by the Congress of the United States.

And here we make our solemn, last appeal, as American citizens - as Christians, and as men. To your decision, favorable or otherwise, we will submit; and if it should unfortunately be against us, we will return to our brethren in silence, and without a murmur; in the full belief, if our grievances do not admit of remedy, that it is not the fault of your honourable Bodies; and that as Christians it is our duty to bear them with patience; until the Great Disposer of all human events shall in his own good time remove us from these persecutions to that promised

land, "where the wicked cease from troubling;
and the weary are at rest."

And your memorialists as in duty
bound will ever pray &c.

Washington City } Joseph Smith Jr.
January 27th } Sidney Rigdon
A.D. 1840. } Elias Higbee

Memorial

To the Honorable Senators and Representatives
of the United States of America in Congress
assembled

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Memorial

of the constituted author-
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in Illinois praying to be
allowed a territorial form
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To the Honorable Senators and Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

WE, the undersigned members of the City Council of the City of Nauvoo, Citizens of Hancock County, Illinois, and exiles from the State of Missouri; being in Council assembled, unanimously and respectfully, for ourselves, and in behalf of many thousands of other exiles, memorialize the Honorable Senators and Representatives of our nation upon the subject of the unparalleled persecutions and tortures, inflicted upon us and upon our Constituents by the Constituted authorities of the State of Missouri, and likewise upon the subject of the present unfortunate circumstances in which we are placed in the land of our exile. As a history of the Missouri outrages, has been extensively published, both in this Country and in Europe; it is deemed unnecessary to particularize all of the wrongs and grievances, inflicted upon us, in this Memorial. As there is an abundance of well attested documents to which your honorable body can at any time refer; hence we only embody the following important items for your consideration.

FIRST. Your Memorialists, as free born Citizens of this great Republic, relying with the utmost confidence upon the sacred Articles of the Constitution by which the several States are bound together, and considering ourselves entitled to all the privileges and immunities of free Citizens in what State soever we desired to locate ourselves, commenced a Settlement in the County of Jackson on the Western Frontiers of the State of Missouri in the Summer of 1831. There we purchased lands from Government, erected several hundred houses, made extensive improvements and shortly the wild and lonely prairie and stately

fields were converted into well cultivated and fruitful fields. There we
expected to spend our days in the enjoyment of all the rights and
liberties guaranteed to us by the suffering and blood of our fathers
ancestors. But alas! our expectations were vain. Two years had scarcely
elapsed before we were unlawfully and unconstitutionally assaulted
by an organized mob consisting of the highest officers in the County,
both civil and military, who openly and boldly avowed their
determination in a written circular to drive us from this County,
as a specimen of their reasonable and civil designs "your honorable
body are referred to said circular of which the following is but a
short extract namely "We the undersigned Citizens of Jackson County,
believing that an important crisis is at hand as regards our civil
society in consequence of a pretended religious sect of people that
have settled and are still settling in our County styling themselves
Mormons and intending as we do to rid our society "peaceably if
we can forcibly if we must" and believing as we do that the arm
of the civil law does not afford us a guaranty or at least a
sufficient one against the evils which are now inflicted upon us
and seem to be increasing by the said religious sect, deem it
expedient and of the highest importance to form ourselves into
a company for the better and easier accomplishment of our purpose"

This Document was closed in the following words "We, therefore,
agree that after kindly warning and receiving an adequate
compensation for what little property they cannot take with them
they refuse to leave us in peace as they found us we agree to
use such means as may be sufficient to remove them and to
that end we each pledge to each other our bodily powers, our lives,
fortunes, and sacred honors"

To this unconstitutional document were attached the names of

nearly every officer in the County together with the names of hundreds of others. It was by this band of murderers that your Memorialists in the year 1833 were plundered of their property and robbed of their peaceable homes. It was by them that their fields were laid waste, their houses burned, and their men women and children to the number of about twelve hundred persons banished as exiles from the County while others were cruelly murdered by their hands.

Second after our expulsion from Jackson County we settled in Clay County on the opposite side of the Missouri River where we purchased lands both from the old settlers and from the land office, but soon we were again violently threatened by mobs and obliged to leave our homes and seek out a new location.

Third Our next settlement was in Caldwell County where we purchased the most of the land in said County besides a part of the lands in Davis and Carroll Counties. These Counties were almost entirely in a wild and uncultivated state but by the persevering industry of our Citizens large and extensive farms were opened in every direction well stocked with numerous flocks and herds. We also commenced settlements in several other Counties of the State and once more confidently hoped to enjoy the hard earned fruits of our labor unmolested. But our hopes were soon blasted. The cruel and murderous spirit which first began to manifest itself in the constituted authorities and inhabitants of Jackson County and afterwards in Clay and the surrounding Counties receiving no check either from the civil or military power of the State had in the mean time taken courage and boldly and fearlessly spread its contaminating and poisonous influence into every department of the government of said State. Lieutenant Governor Boggs a resident of Jackson County who acted a conspicuous part in our expulsion from said County instead of being tried for treason and rebellion against

his constitution and suffering the just penalty of his crime was actually elected Governor and placed in the executive chair. Thus the inhabitants of the State were greatly encouraged to renew with redoubled fury their unrelenting attacks upon our defenceless settlements. Men, women and children were driven in every direction before their merciless persecutors robbed of their possessions, their property, their provisions and their all cast forth upon the bleak snowy prairies homeless and unprotected many sunk down and expired under their accumulated sufferings while others after enduring hunger and the torments of the season suffering all but death arrived in Caldwell County, to which place they were driven from all the surrounding Counties only to witness a still more heart-rending scene. In vain had we appealed to the Constituted Authorities of Missouri for protection and redress of our former grievances. In vain we now stretched out our hands and appealed as the citizens of this great republic to the sympathies, to the justice and magnanimity of those in power. In vain we implored again and again at the feet of Governor Boggs our former persecutor, aid, and protection against the ravages and murders now inflicted upon our defenceless and unoffending citizens. The cry of American citizens already twice driven and deprived of liberty could not penetrate their adamantine hearts. The Governor instead of sending us aid issued a proclamation for our extermination and banishment ordered out the forces of the State placed them under the command of General Clark who to execute these exterminating orders marched several thousand troops into our settlements in Caldwell County where unrestrained by fear of Law or Justice and urged on by the highest authority of the State they laid waste our fields of corn shot down our cattle and hogs for sport burned our dwellings, inhumanly butchered some 18 or 20 defenceless citizens, dragged from their hiding places little children and placing the muzzles of their guns to their heads shot them with the most horrid oaths and imprecations. An aged hero and patriot

of the Revolution who served under General Washington while in the act of pleading for quarters was cruelly murdered and hewed in pieces with an old corn cutter and in addition to all these savage acts of barbarity they forcibly dragged sickens and unoffending females from their dwellings bound them upon benches used for public worship where they in great numbers ravished them in the most brutal manner some fifty or sixty of the citizens were thrust into prisons and dungeons where bound in chains they were fed on human flesh while their families and some fifteen thousand others were at the point of the bayonet forcibly expelled from the State In the mean time to pay the expenses of these

horrid outrages they confiscated our property and robbed us of all our possessions

Before our final expulsion with a faint and lingering hope we petitioned the

State Legislature then in Session Unwilling to believe that the virtue and

patriotism of the venerable fathers of the Revolution had fled from

the bosoms of their illustrious descendants Unwilling to believe that

American citizens could appeal in vain for a restoration of liberty

cruelly wrested from them by cruel tyrants But in the language of

our noble ancestors "Our repeated petitions were only answered by repeated

injuries" The Legislature instead of hearing the cries of 15,000 suffering

bleeding unoffending citizens sanctioned and sealed the unconstitutional acts

of the Governor and his troops by appropriating 200,000 dollars to defray

the expenses of exterminating us from the State No friendly arm was

stretched out to protect us The last ray of hope for redress in that

State was now entirely extinguished We saw no other alternative

but to bow down our necks and wear the cruel yoke of oppression

and quietly and submissively suffer ourselves to be banished as exiles

from our possessions our property and our sacred homes or otherwise

see our wives and children coldly murdered and butchered by tyrants in power.

South

our next permanent settlement was in the land of our

emile the State of Illinois in the Spring of 1839 but even here we are not

never from our relentless persecutor the state of Missouri not satisfied in having drenched her soil in the blood of innocence and expelling us from her borders she pursues her unfortunate victims into banishment seizing upon and kidnapping them in their defenceless moments dragging them across the Mississippi River upon their inhospitable shores where they are tortured whipped immured in dungeons and finally hung by the neck without any legal process whatever We have memorialized the former executive of this State Governor Carlin upon these lawless outrages committed upon our citizens but he rendered us no protection Missouri receiving no check in her murderous career continues her depredations Again and again kidnapping our citizens and robbing us of our property While others who fortunately survived the execution of her bloody edicts are again and again demanded by the executive of that State on pretence of some crime said to have been committed by them during the exterminating expedition against our people As an instance, General Joseph Smith one of your Memorialists has been three times demanded tried and acquitted by the Courts of this State upon investigation under writs of Habeas Corpus once by the United States Court for the district of Illinois, again by the Circuit Court of the State of Illinois and lastly by the Municipal Court of the City of Hannoo when at the same time a writ prosequi has been ordered by the Courts of Missouri upon all the cases of that State against Joseph Smith and others Thus the said Joseph Smith has been several times tried for the same alleged offence put in jeopardy of life and limb contrary to the fifth article of the Amendments to the Constitution of these United States and thus we have been continually harassed and robbed of our money to defray the expenses of these needless prosecutions And what at the present time seems to be still more alarming is the hostility manifested by some of the Authorities and Citizens of this State Conventions have been called inflammatory

speeches made and many unlawful and unconstitutional resolutions adopted to
deprive us of our rights our liberties and the peaceful enjoyment of our possessions
from the most hostile aspect and from bitter experience in the State of
Missouri it is greatly feared that the barbarous measures acted in that State will
be repeated in this. If Missouri goes unpunished others will be greatly encouraged
to follow her murderous examples. The afflictions of your Memorialists have
already been overwhelming, too much for humanity, too much for American Citizens
to endure without complaint. We have groaned under the Iron hand of tyranny
and oppression these many years. We have been robbed of our property to the
amount of two millions of dollars. We have been hunted as the Wild Beasts
of the forest. We have seen our aged fathers who fought in the revolution
and our innocent children ~~like~~ ^{slain} ~~slain~~ ^{slain} by our persecutors. We have
seen the fair daughters of American Citizens mistreated and abused in
the most inhuman manner, and finally we have seen fifteen thousand
souls men women and children driven by force of arms during the
severities of winter from their sacred homes and firesides to a land of
strangers penniless and unprotected. Under all these afflicting circumstances
we imploringly stretch forth our hands towards the highest Councils
of our nation and humbly appeal to the Illustrious Senators and
Representatives of a great and free people for redress and protection.
Hear O Hear the petitioning voice of many thousands of American Citizens
who now groan in exile on Columbia's free soil. Hear O Hear the wailing
and bitter lamentations of Widows and Orphans whose husbands and
fathers have been cruelly martyred in the Land where the Proud Eagle
exultingly soars. Let it not be recorded in the Archives of the Nation that
Columbia's exiles sought protection and redress at your hands but sought
it in vain. It is in your power to save us, our wives and children from a
repetition of the blood thirsty scenes of Missouri and greatly relieve the
fears of a persecuted and injured people by obtaining for their protection

the following ordinance, namely:

An ordinance for the protection of the people styled the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints residing in the Western part of the State of Illinois.

Preamble
Whereas the State of Missouri at sundry times has unconstitutionally deprived a certain portion of her Citizens (called Mormons) of their rights, property, lands and even of their lives **And whereas** in the years 1838 and 1839 the said State of Missouri did illegally and inhumanly seize and banish for ever from her limits and jurisdiction, all the said Citizens (called Mormons) that remained alive, with impunity; **And whereas** after being hospitably received by the Citizens of Illinois, the said State of Illinois, did enact, grant and charter for the benefit and convenience of the said exiled Mormons, as follows,

City Charter

An Act to incorporate the City of Nauvoo

Section 1. Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois represented in the General Assembly, That all that district of Country embraced within the following boundaries, to wit: beginning at the north east corner of section thirty one, in township seven, north of range eight, west of the fourth principal meridian, in the County of Hancock, and running thence west to the northwest corner of said section; thence north to the Mississippi River; thence west to the middle of the main channel of the said river; thence down the middle of said channel to a point due west of the south east corner of fractional section number twelve, in township six, north of range nine, west of the fourth principal meridian; thence east to the south east corner of said section twelve; thence north on the range line between township six north and range eight and nine west, to the south west corner of section six, in township six north of range eight west; thence east to the southeast corner of said section; thence north to the place of beginning, including the town plats of Commerce and Nauvoo, shall hereafter be called, and known, by the name of the 'City of Nauvoo', and the inhabitants thereof are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic by the name aforesaid; and shall have perpetual succession, and may have, and use, a common seal, which they may change, and alter at pleasure.

Section 1. Whenever any tract of land, adjoining the City of Nauvoo, shall have been laid out into town lots and duly recorded according to law, the same shall form a part of the City of Nauvoo.

Section 2. The inhabitants of said City, by the name and style aforesaid, shall have power to sue, and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended, in all Courts of law and equity, and in all actions whatsoever; to purchase, receive, and hold property beyond the city for burying grounds, or for other public purposes, for the use of the Inhabitants of said City; to sell, lease, convey, or dispose of property, real and personal, for the benefit of the City; to improve and protect such property, and to do all other things in relation thereto as natural persons.

Section 3. There shall be a City Council to consist of a Mayor, four Aldermen, and nine Counsellors, who shall have the qualifications of electors of said City, and shall be chosen by the qualified voters thereof, and shall hold their offices for two years, and until their successors shall be elected and qualified. The City Council shall judge of the qualifications, elections, and returns of their own members, and a majority of them shall form a quorum to do business; but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and compel the attendance of absent members, under such penalties as may be prescribed by ordinance.

Section 4. The Mayor, Aldermen, and Counsellors, before entering upon the duties of their offices, shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation that they will support the Constitution of the United States, and of this State, and that they will well and truly perform the duties of their offices to the best of their skill and abilities.

Section 5. On the first Monday of February next, and every two years thereafter, an election shall be held for the election of one Mayor, four Aldermen and nine Counsellors, and at the first election under this act, three judges shall be chosen *ex officio* by the electors present; the said Judges shall choose two Clerks, and the judges and clerks before entering upon their duties shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation, such as is now required by law to be taken by judges and clerks of other elections; and at all subsequent elections, the

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necessary number of judges and clerks shall be appointed by the City Council. At the first election so held the polls shall be opened at nine o'clock A. M. and closed at six o'clock P. M.; at the close of the polls the votes shall be counted and a statement thereof proclaimed at the front door of the house at which said election shall be held; and the clerks shall leave with each person elected, or at his usual place of residence, within five days after the election, a written notice of his election, and each person so notified shall, within ten days after the election, take the oath or affirmation herein before mentioned, a certificate of which oath shall be deposited with the Recorder, whose appointment is hereafter provided for, and be by him preserved; and all subsequent elections shall be held, conducted, and returns thereof made as may be provided for by ordinance of the City Council.

Section 7. All free white male inhabitants who are of the age of twenty-one years, who are entitled to vote for state officers, and who shall have been actual residents of said City sixty days next preceding said election, shall be entitled to vote for City officers.

Section 8. The City Council shall have authority to levy and collect taxes for city purposes upon all property, real and personal, within the limits of the City, not exceeding one half per cent per annum, upon the assessed value thereof, and may enforce the payment of the same in any manner to be provided by ordinance, not repugnant to the Constitution of the United States or of this State.

Section 9. The City Council shall have power to appoint a Recorder, Treasurer, Assessor, Marshal, Supervisor of Streets, and all such other officers as may be necessary; and to prescribe their duties, and remove them from office at pleasure.

Section 10. The City Council shall have power to require of all officers appointed in pursuance of this act, bonds with penalty and security, for the faithful performance of their respective duties, such as may be deemed expedient; and also to require all officers appointed as aforesaid to take an oath for the faithful performance of the duties of their respective offices.

Section 11. The City Council shall have power and authority to make, ordain, establish, and execute, all such ordinances, not repugnant to the Constitution of the United States or of this State, as they may deem necessary for the peace, benefit, good order, regulation, convenience, and cleanliness of said city; for the protection of property therein from destruction by fire or otherwise, and for the health and happiness thereof; they shall have power to fill all vacancies that may happen by death, resignation, or removal, in any of the officers herein made elective; to fix and establish all the fees of the officers of said corporation not herein established; to impose such fines not exceeding one hundred dollars for each offence, as they may deem just, for refusing to accept any office in or under the corporation, or for misconduct therein; to divide the City into wards; to add to the number of Aldermen and Councilors; and apportion them among the several wards, as may be most just and conducive to the interest of the City.

Section 12. To license, tax, and regulate auctions, merchants, retailers, grocers, hawkers, pedlars, brokers, pawnbrokers, and money changes.

Section 13. The City Council shall have exclusive power within the city, by ordinance, to license, regulate, and restrain, the keeping of ferries, to regulate the police of the City; to impose fines, forfeitures and penalties, for the breach of any ordinance, and provide for the recovery of such fines and forfeitures, and the enforcement of such penalties, and to pass such ordinances as may be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the powers specified in this act; Provided such ordinances are not repugnant to the Constitution of the United States, or of this State: and, in fine, to exercise such other legislative powers as are conferred on the City Council of the City of Springfield, by an act entitled "An Act to incorporate the City of Springfield," approved, February Third, one thousand eight hundred and forty.

Section 14. All ordinances passed by the City Council shall, within one month after they shall have been passed, be published in some newspaper printed in the City, or certified copies thereof be posted up in three of the most public places in the City.

Section 15. All ordinances of the City may be proven by the seal of the Corporation, and when printed or published in book or pamphlet form, purporting to be printed or published

by authority of the Corporation, the same shall be received in evidence in all courts or places without further proof.

Section 16. The Mayor and Aldermen shall be conservators of the peace within the limits of said City, and shall have all the powers of Justices of the Peace therein, both in civil and criminal cases, arising under the laws of the State. They shall, as Justices of the Peace, within the limits of said City, perform the same duties, be governed by the same laws, give the same bonds and security, as other Justices of the Peace, and be commissioned as Justices of the Peace in and for said City by the Governor.

Section 17. The Mayor shall have exclusive jurisdiction in all cases arising under the ordinances of the Corporation, and shall issue such process as may be necessary to carry said ordinances into execution and effect, appeals may be had from any decision or judgment of said Mayor or Aldermen, sitting under the City ordinances, to the Municipal Court, under such regulations as may be prescribed by ordinance; which Court shall be composed of the Mayor, as Chief Justice, and the Aldermen as Associate Justices, and from the final Judgment of the Municipal Court, to the Circuit Court of Hancock County, in the same manner as appeals are taken from judgments of Justices of the Peace; Provided, that the parties litigant shall have a right to a trial by a jury of twelve men, in all cases before the Municipal Court. The Municipal Court shall have power to grant writs of habeas corpus in all cases arising under the ordinances of the City Council.

Section 18. The Municipal Court shall sit on the first Monday of every month, and the City Council at such times and place as may be prescribed by City Ordinance; special meetings of which may at any time be called by the Mayor or any two Aldermen.

Section 19. All process issued by the Mayor, Aldermen or Municipal Court, shall be directed to the Marshal, and in the execution thereof he shall be governed by the same laws as are, or may be, prescribed for the direction and compensation of Constables in similar cases. The Marshal shall also perform such other duties as may be required of him under the ordinances of said City, and shall be the principal ministerial officer.

Section 20. It shall be the duty of the Recorder to make and keep accurate records of all ordinances.

made by the City Council, and of all their proceedings in their corporate capacity, which record shall at all times be open to the inspection of the electors of said City, and shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Ordinances of the City Council, and shall serve as Clerk of the Municipal Court.

Section 21. Where it shall be necessary to take private property for opening, widening or altering any public street, lane, avenue, or alley, the corporation shall make a just compensation therefore to the person whose property is so taken; and if the amount of such compensation cannot be agreed upon, the Mayor shall cause the same to be ascertained by a jury of six disinterested freeholders of the City.

Section 22. All jurors impaneled to inquire into the amount of benefits or damages that shall hereupon to the owners of property, so proposed to be taken, shall first be sworn to that effect, and shall return to the Mayor their inquest in writing, signed by each Juror.

Section 23. In case the Mayor shall at any time be guilty of a palpable omission of duty, or shall wilfully and corruptly be guilty of oppression mal-conduct, or partiality in the discharge of the duties of his office, he shall be liable to be indicted in the Circuit Court of Hancock County, and on conviction he shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars, and the Court shall have power, on the recommendation of the jury, to add to the Judgment of the Court that he be removed from office.

Section 24. The City Council may establish and organize an Institution of learning within the limits of the City, for the teaching of the Arts Sciences and Learned Professions, to be called the "University of the City of Nauvoo," which institution shall be under the control and management of a Board of Trustees, consisting of a Chancellor, Registrar, and twenty three Regents; which Board shall hereafter be a body corporate and politic with perpetual succession, by the name of the "Chancellor and Regents of the University of the City of Nauvoo," and shall have full power to pass, ordain, establish and execute all such laws and ordinances as they may consider necessary for the welfare and prosperity of said University, its officers and

Provided, that the said laws and ordinances shall not be repugnant to the Constitution of the United States, or of this State; and Provided also, that the Trustees shall at all times be appointed by the City Council, and shall have all the powers and privileges for the advancement of the cause of education which appertain to the Trustees of any other College or University of this State.

Section 25. The City Council may organize the inhabitants of said City, subject to military duty, into a body of independent military men to be called the "Naumoo Legion", the Court Marshal of which shall be composed of the commissioned officers of said Legion, and constitute the law making department, with full powers and authority to make, ordain, establish, and execute, all such laws and ordinances as may be considered necessary for the benefit, government and regulation of said Legion; Provided, said Court Marshal shall pass no law or act repugnant to, or inconsistent with, the Constitution of the United States, or of this State; and, Provided also, that the officers of the Legion shall be commissioned by the Governor of the State. The said Legion shall perform the same amount of military duty as is now, or may be hereafter, required of the regular militia of ^{of the mayor in executing the laws and ordinances of the City Corporation and the laws of the State and at the State,} and shall be at the disposal, of the Governor for the public defence, and the execution of the laws of the State, or of the United States, and shall be entitled to their proportion of the public arms: and Provided also, that said Legion shall be exempt from all other Military Duty.

Section 26. The Inhabitants of the "City of Naumoo" are hereby exempted from working on any Road beyond the limits of the City, and for the purpose of keeping the Streets, Lanes, Avenues, and alleys in repair, to require of the male inhabitants of said City, over the age of twenty one, and under fifty years, to labor on said Street, Lanes, Avenues, and alleys, not exceeding three days in each year; and any person failing to perform such labor, when duly notified by the supervisor, shall forfeit and pay the sum of one dollar per day for each day so neglected or refused.

Section 27. The City Council shall have power to provide for the punishment of offenders by imprisonment in the County or City Jail, in all cases, when such offenders shall fail or refuse to pay the fines and forfeitures which may be recovered against them.

Section 28. This act is hereby declared to be a public act, and shall take effect on the first Monday of February next.

Wm L. D. Ewing,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

S. H. Anderson,

Speaker of the Senate.

Approved, (December 16, 1860.)

Thos. Carlin.

State of Illinois

Office of Secretary of State }

I, Stephen A. Douglass, Secretary of State, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the enrolled law now on file in my office.



Witness my hand, and seal of State, at Springfield,
this 18th day of December, A. D. 1860.

S. A. Douglass.

Secretary of State

By the 2nd Section of an act passed January 27, 1861, it is thus enacted.
Sec 2. Any Citizen of Hancock County, may, by voluntary enrollment, attach himself to the Nauvoo Legion, with all the privileges which appertain to that Independent Military Body.

And whereas by the fourth article of the Constitution of the United States as amended Art 4. The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution nor prohibited by it to the States are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people. And whereas according to the fourth Article and second section "The citizens of each State shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities of citizens in the several States" And whereas according to the second Paragraph of the third Section of said Constitution "The Congress shall have power to dispose of and make the needful rules and regulations respecting territory" And whereas the said Congress has the power to protect each State against invasion and insurrection: And whereas most of the Inhabitants of the City of Nauvoo are exiles from the State of Missouri And whereas the most of the Lands owned in the State of Missouri were purchased from the United States and patented by the United States to the amount of more than \$200,000 worth And whereas the United States are bound to clear the title and protect it And whereas the said exiles or expelled Missouri have lost in property and damage about two millions of dollars And whereas the said State of Missouri continues her ravages persecutions and plunderings by kidnapping said exiles from Illinois, and by other depredations.

Now therefore to show the fatherly care of the United States:

to ratify the said Charter to protect the said exiles from mob violence, and shield them in their rights—

Section 1 Be it ordained by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that "all the rights powers privileges and immunities belonging to Territories and not repugnant to the Constitution of the United States, are hereby granted and secured to the Inhabitants of the City of Nauvoo in addition to the spirit letter and meaning

and provisions of the afore mentioned Charter or act of Incorporation from the State of Illinois, until the State of Missouri restores to those exiled Citizens, the lands, rights, privileges, property and damage for all losses.

Section 2. And be it further ordained, in order to effect the object and further intention of this ordinance, and for the peace, security, happiness, convenience, benefit and prosperity of the said City of Nauvoo, and for the common weal, and honor of our country; that the Mayor of Nauvoo, be and he is hereby empowered, by the consent of the President of the United States, whenever the actual necessity of the case, and the public safety shall require it, to call to his aid a sufficient number of United States forces, in connection with the Nauvoo Legion, to repel the invasion of mobs, keep the public peace, and protect the innocent from the unhallowed ravages of lawless banditti that escape justice on the Western Frontier and also to preserve the power and dignity of the Union.

Section 3. And be it further ordained that the officers of the United States Army are hereby required to obey the requisitions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. And be it further ordained, that, for all services rendered in quelling mobs, and preserving the public peace, the said Nauvoo Legion shall be under the same regulations, rules, and laws of pay as the troops of the United States.

City of Nauvoo, Illinois December 21st 1843

Councilors
Harold Smith
John Taylor
Orson Pratt
W. W. Phelps
Heber C. Kimball
Benjamin Harrison
Parrett Spencer
Brigham Young
Orson Hyde

Aldermen
Orson Spencer
Daniel H. Wells
Geo. H. Harris
Samuel Bennett
Geo. W. Smith

Mayor
Joseph Smith
Recorder
William Richards
Marshal
John P. G.

28" long
1" deep

Memorial
of Joseph Smith, praying
to be authorized to raise a body
of armed volunteers for the
protection of citizens of the
United States emigrating
to the adjoining Territories.

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Com: on Foreign Relations

Mr. Sample.

To the Honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America
in Congress assembled.

Your Memorialist, a free born citizen of these United States, respectfully sheweth, that from his infancy, his soul has been filled with the most warm and philanthropic interest for the welfare of his native country; and being fired with an ardor which flares cannot quench, clouds cannot dissipate, nor diplomatic intrigue corrupt, to see those principles, which emanated from the bosoms of the fathers of seventy six; and which cost the noblest talents, and richest blood of the nation, maintained inviolate, and perpetuated to future generations; and the proud Eagle of American freedom soar triumphant over every party prejudice, and local animosity; and spread her golden pinions over every member of the human family: who shall stretch forth their hands for succor from the Lion's paw, or the oppressor's grasp, and firmly trusting in the God of Liberty, that he has designed Universal peace and good will Union and brotherly love to all the great family of Man; —

Your Memorialist asks your honorable body to pass the following ~~Amendment~~ Bill

A Bill ~~Amendment~~ for the Protection of the Citizens of the United States emigrating to the adjoining territories, and for the extension of the principles of Universal Liberty.

Preamble

Whereas many of the Citizens of these United States have migrated, and are migrating to Texas Oregon and other Lands contiguous to this nation: And whereas Texas has declared herself free and independent, without the necessary power to protect her rights and liberties: And whereas Oregon is without any organized government, and those who emigrate thither are exposed to foreign invasion and domestic feuds: And whereas the Oregon by geographic location, and discovery more rightfully belongs to these United States than to any other General Government And whereas it is necessary that the emigrants of that newly settling territory should receive protection: And whereas the Texian Government has petitioned the United States to be received into our Union but yet retains her national existence And whereas the United States remember with gratitude, the seasonable support they received, in a like situation from La Fayette: And whereas the United States desire to see the principles of her free institutions extended to all men; especially where it can be done without the loss of blood and treasure to the nation: And whereas there is an almost boundless extent of Territory on the West and South of these United States, where exists little or no

organization of perfect government: And whereas the lands here unknown, ~~unexplored~~ ^{unexplored} are among some of the richest and most fertile of the Continent: And whereas many of the Inhabitants of the Union would gladly embrace the opportunity of extending their researches and acquisitions, so soon as they can receive protection in their enterprises, thereby adding strength, durability, and wealth to the nation: And whereas the Red Man, the Robber, and the Desperado, have frequently interrupted such research and acquisition without justifiable cause: And whereas Joseph Smith has offered, and does hereby offer these United States: To show his loyalty to our Confederate Union, and the Constitution of our Republic: To prevent quarrels and bloodshed on our frontier: To extend the arm of deliverance to Texas: To protect the Inhabitants of Oregon from foreign aggression, and domestic evils: To prevent the crowned nations, from encircling us, as a Nation, on our Western and Southern borders, and save the Eagle's talon from the Lion's paw: To still the tongue of slander, and show that a Republic can be and not be ungrateful: To open the vast regions of the unexplored West and South to our enlightened and enterprising yeomanry: To protect them in their researches: To secure them in their locations, and thus strengthen the government and enlarge her borders: To extend her influence: To inspire the nations with the Spirit of freedom, and win them to her standard: To promote intelligence: To cultivate and establish peace among all with whom we may have intercourse as neighbors: To settle all existing difficulties among those not organized into an acknowledged government bordering upon the United States and Territories: To save the national revenue in the nation's coffers: To supersede the necessity of a standing army on our Western and Southern frontier: To create and maintain the principles of peace, and suppress mobs, insurrections, and oppression in Oregon, and all lands bordering upon the United States, and not incorporated into any acknowledged national government: To explore the unexplored regions of our Continent: To open new fields for enterprise to our Citizens, and protect them therein: To search out the antiquities of the land, and thereby promote the arts, and sciences and general information: To amalgamate the feelings of all with whom he may have intercourse on the principles of equity, liberty, justice, humanity and benevolence: To break down tyranny and oppression, and erect the standard of Universal Peace: Provided, he shall be protected in those rights and privileges which Constitutionally belong to every citizen of this Republic: - **Therefore** that the said Memorialist may have the privilege, and that no citizen of these United States shall obstruct, or attempt to obstruct or hinder, so good, so great, so noble an enterprise, to carry out those plans and principles, as set forth in this preamble, and be shielded from every opposition by evil and designing men.

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Sec. 1. ~~Be it enacted~~ by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that Joseph Smith of the City of Nauvoo, in the State of Illinois, is hereby authorized and empowered to raise a Company of one hundred thousand armed volunteers, in the United States and Territories at such times and places, and in such numbers, as he shall find necessary and convenient for the purposes specified in the foregoing preamble, and to execute the same.

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Sec. 2. ~~And be it further enacted~~ that if any person or persons shall hinder or attempt to hinder or molest the said Joseph Smith, from executing his designs in raising said volunteers, and marching or transporting the same to the borders of the United States and Territories, he or they so hindering, molesting, or offending, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars each, for every offence, or by hard labor on some public work not exceeding two years, or both, at the discretion of the nearest District Court of the United States where the hindrance or offence shall be committed, ^{having jurisdiction.}

~~Sec. 3. And be it further enacted~~ the more fully to remove all obstructions and hindrances to the raising, arming, and marching the volunteers as aforesaid, the said Joseph Smith is hereby constituted a Member of the Army of the United States and is authorized to act as such in the United States and Territories, and on all lands bordering upon the United States and Territories for the purposes specified in the foregoing preamble, provided said land shall not be within the acknowledged jurisdiction of any acknowledged National Government.

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Sec. 4. ~~And be it further enacted~~ ^{act} that nothing in this Ordinance shall be so construed by any individual or nation, as to consider the Volunteers aforesaid, as constituting any part of the Army of the United States; neither shall the said Joseph Smith, as a ~~Member of the United States Army~~ disturb the peace of any nation or government, acknowledged as such: break the faith of treaties between the United States and any other Nation or violate any known law of nations, thereby endangering the peace of the United States.

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Sec. 5. ~~And be it further enacted~~ ^{act} that the said Joseph Smith shall confine his operations to those principles of action specified in the Preamble to this Ordinance, the perpetuity of which shall be commensurate with the circumstances and specifications which have originated it.

City of Nauvoo, Illinois,
March 26th 1844 }

And your Memorialist, will ever pray &c
Joseph Smith

